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A Communist's Challenge to The Red-Baiters

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An "Eisler Case" witness yesterday turned on the witch-hunting House Un-American Activities Committee and challenged its right to exist. Leon Josephson, New York attorney subpoenaed by a subcommittee of that body meeting here, stood up and fought back.

Proudly reciting his years as a Communist fighter against fascism here and in Germany, Josephson said:

1. He would answer no questions of the committee because it was an unlawful body.

2. He would carry to the courts his challenge of the committee's constitutionality.

The statement Josephson offered to the subcommittee, which it refused to enter on the record, follows:

STATEMENT BY LEON JOSEPHSON

I am an American. I believe in democracy, in government of the people, by the people and for the people, which to me means government that stands for the greatest good for the greatest number, even if that greatest good can only be obtained at the expense of a few.

The Constitution of the United States guarantees to me the freedom to advocate changes in our constitutional form of government and changes in our economic system, using the procedure set forth in that Constitution for effectuating such changes. That freedom of expression, I have freely exercised, and shall continue to do so.



REP. HANKIN

I am a Communist. Like all Communists, and like most Americans, I am also anti-Fascist. In the early years of Nazism, I saw clearly what this committee does not see even now, that Fascism leads directly to war. It leads to the extermination of my people—the Jewish people—as well as to the extermination of all that is good in our society. It leads to the end of the democracy in which I believe, and to the end of the civilization we all know.

FOUGHT HITLER

As a Communist and an anti-Fascist, I took an active part in the fight against Hitler long before most Americans felt that a fight was necessary.

I went to Europe and worked with the underground in Germany. I did not hesitate to risk my life in this work, and I spent four months in solitary confinement in a Danish dungeon, charged with "attempting to assassinate Hitler."

In the course of my anti-Fascist work, I helped some people to get into Germany so that they could better fight Hitler, and I helped others to escape from Germany so that they would live to carry on the fight against Fascism elsewhere.

I know that during these years, I freely violated the laws of Nazi Germany. It has been charged that I was also guilty of a technical violation of the laws of this country. If I ever did violate a law of this country, I certainly harmed no one, and did what I did in an honest effort to help save humanity from its greatest enemy. Working in an underground move-

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THEY'RE OFF FOR MOSCOW: A group of U.S. technical experts and clerical personnel is shown preparing to board a plane in Washington for the Big Four Conference in Moscow. The U.S. delegation will include 84 persons, more than half being clerical workers.

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WORLD EVENTS

U. S. Troops For Greece Hinted by Senator Hatch

American troops may be required to carry out United States "responsibilities" in Greece and in other "trouble spots," Senator Carl A. Hatch (D-NM), declared in the Senate yesterday. That possibility "is not an exaggerated view—it is something the American people should understand," he said. Hatch, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the public should get the "full story" before any action is taken, and urged President Truman to discuss the matter in a nation-wide radio address.

Senator Charles W. Tobey (R-NH) also urged Truman to make a statement. "This is a world crisis," he said, "and the alternatives are pretty terrible to contemplate. The whole future of this country may depend on what comes out of this thing."

Chairman Charles A. Eaton (R-NJ) said the House Foreign Affairs Committee will not incorporate provision for "relief" to Greece into the legislation providing \$350,000,000 for foreign relief.

"As far as Greece is concerned," he said, "the President should enunciate a world policy that both parties in Congress can support. Until then, our committee has no business taking any action."

MILITARY TECHNICIANS

Hatch refused to say whether he has official information that American soldiers were wanted in Greece to replace Britain's 10,000 troops. Some observers, however, said that some "if not all military supplies

SEN. CARL HATCH (D-NM) who hinted in the Senate that U.S. troops may be "required" in Greece and other trouble spots.



might be rushed from American bases in Italy and the Near East.

Army spokesmen refused to comment on that or on the possibility that American planes might be sent.

The State Department has insisted that use of troops is not contemplated, although it did not rule out the possibility of sending military technicians to instruct the Greek army.

Foreign Under-Secretary Christopher Mayhew told the House of Commons yesterday Britain will withdraw its troops "as soon as is

"American taxpayers will not support loans to finance Greek quislings crushing Greek democracy," the American Council for a Democratic Greece wired to Secretary of State George C. Marshall and the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The Council's telegram, dispatched by secretary Michael Mandelakis, declared loans are needed in Greece for reconstruction and economic salvation.

"Huge loans to the present monarchist-fascist state are no solution to internal chaos and civil war," it said.

"The issue of Communist peril in Greece is as false as the March 31 elections and the false plebiscite. The government of rightist collaborators and royalists must be replaced by a genuine coalition government of all loyal political parties"

practicable."

Mayhew dodged a direct request for assurances that Britain would not extend the stay of her troops in Greece in exchange for American financial aid.

Newsman Off For Moscow

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The last contingent of American diplomats and journalists left National Airport here today bound for Moscow and the Foreign Ministers conference. A majority of the 36 newsmen and 100 State Department officials and employees departed by plane and boat during the past 10 days.

At 8:35 this morning the American Airline flagship Boston took off for Berlin with 11 correspondents. They included Morris Childs, editor, Daily Worker; Andrew Bernhard, editor, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; R. C. Barnes, Detroit Free Press; C. B. Dickson, Gannett newspapers; Selig Greenberg, Providence Journal; Ivan Peterman, Philadelphia Inquirer; H. W. Suydan, Newark News; C. W. McCardle, Philadelphia Bulletin; Tom McAbov and Sam Wells, photographers for Time and Life.

Marshall Doubts German Treaty Will Come Soon

Secretary of State George C. Marshall left Washington for Moscow yesterday, declaring it now appears "extremely doubtful" that an actual treaty for Germany can be completed at the Moscow conference.

As he boarded his plane, Marshall told newspaper men he realized negotiations on the German and Austrian peace treaties would be "extremely difficult — and their consequences momentous."

"We have yet to discuss and reach agreement on the great fundamentals which will be the basis for the treaty regarding Germany," he said.

"If we are successful in reaching agreement on major fundamental principles, I'll be very much pleased."

EXPECTS AUSTRIA PACT

The Big Four foreign ministers should be able to complete work on the treaty for Austria, he said, pointing out that the deputies' meeting at London had finished the preliminary work.

Marshall's Republican adviser, John Foster Dulles, left on another plane a half hour later. Dulles asked for "the spiritual support of a united American people" for the U. S. delegation.

Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder, British Ambassador Lord Inverchapel, Lewis W. Douglas, who will go to Britain as U. S. ambassador soon, and Under-Secretary of State Dean Acheson came to the airport to see Marshall off.

US Seeks Atom Monopoly--Gromyko

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., March 5.—The United States is trying "to secure for itself world monopoly in the field of atomic energy," Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko charged today at the United Nations Security Council. In a 90-minute statement, Gromyko, speaking in English, cited three

main points where the Soviet Union differs with the U. S. plan:

- The USSR favors carrying out

the UN General Assembly decision to prohibit atomic weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction.

- While supporting an international control and inspection sys-

tem the Soviet Union cannot accept a U. S.-dominated agency which will intervene in the internal affairs of other countries.

• The USSR stands by the Charter of the United Nations which provides for unanimity among the five permanent members of the Security Council (U. S., Britain, France, China and the Soviet Union).

Gromyko compared the kind of international control agency proposed in the U. S. plan to "international syndicates and trusts, the role and influence of which upon international relations and upon the economics of individual countries are well known."

NO CARTEL INTENDED

The Atomic Energy Commission was not set up, Gromyko declared, in order to give ownership and control of natural resources and industries throughout the world to a U. S.-dominated cartel.

Gromyko quoted from the U. S. plan under which the international agency would "control and operate all plants producing fissionable materials in dangerous quantities and must own and control the products of these plants."

This provision, Gromyko charged, converts "the control organ into a peculiar international trust."

"It remains only to add to such a proposal," Gromyko said, "the further suggestion that the international control organ should share profits of establishments under its management in accordance with the quantity of shares belonging to one or another country."

Granting the control agency "unlimited right of possession and management of the atomic establishments, cannot be looked upon as anything but an attempt by the United States to secure

for itself world monopoly in the field of atomic energy," Gromyko emphasized.

ONE-SIDED DECISIONS

The Soviet Union cannot count on "the benevolent attitude toward the Soviet Union" of "a majority in the control organs" he declared. Such organs "may take one-sided decisions."

The first part of Gromyko's statement reaffirmed the Soviet efforts to get an international convention eliminating atomic weapons.

"We are still being told," Gromyko said, "that atomic weapons cannot be prohibited until the Soviet Union accepts the American proposal on the question of control of atomic energy."

But there is no conflict between banning atomic bombs and establishing an international system for the control of atomic energy, he argued.

"Without the conclusion of a convention on the prohibition of atomic weapons one cannot speak seriously about rigid international controls for the establishment of which the Soviet Union stood and is standing now," Gromyko said.

QUOTES STALIN

The serious, dark-haired Soviet delegate took sharp exception with those who say the USSR opposes international control and inspection. He quoted Stalin's statement to United Press chief Hugh Baillie that "a strict international control is necessary." He also cited Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, who told the General Assembly that "effective inspection is a necessary component part of the system of international control."

Gromyko said he stressed this because an effort was being made "to mislead public opinion" on this issue.

There can be a complete effective and strict control and inspection without intervention into the economic lives of other nations, he stated.

There is no difference, Gromyko

said, on the punishment of violators of an atomic control agreement. But there is a divergence of opinion as to who should and how they should take decisions on sanctions. In this matter, he said, the Soviet Union stands by the UN charter.

SUPPORTS REFERRAL

"The 'veto' was established not on the initiative of the Soviet Union," Gromyko reminded the Security Council, "but on the initiative of the United States of America, in particular of the late President Roosevelt and also of the former Prime Minister of Great Britain, Mr. Churchill."

The Soviet Union supported the late President Roosevelt's proposal, he went on, "because it considered that the principle of unanimity of great powers corresponds to the interests of the maintenance of peace."

In closing, Gromyko indicated that he would support the U. S. motion to refer the whole matter back to the UN Atomic Energy Commission for further consideration. He had made his statement, Gromyko said, "so we would at least realize clearly and distinctly where we are."

The next meeting on atomic controls will be held Monday at 3 p.m.

PREMIER Ahmad Ghavam is losing his grip as Iran's "Iron Man." It was indicated yesterday, as opposition newspapers blasted his "unprecedented dictatorship" and even members of his cabinet voiced dissent on his policies. A reliable source described relations between Reza Shah Pahlavi and Ghavam as "strained." This source said that if the Parliament fails at its spring session to ratify an Iranian-Soviet agreement giving Russia oil concessions, the Shah would dismiss Ghavam.



CANADA PRESSES ATOM EXPERIMENTS

THE PALESTINE Supreme Court yesterday turned down a petition for a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of 1,350 Jewish immigrants now under detention.

CANADA has set aside almost \$6,000,000 to finance its Atomic Energy Control Board and experiments in atomic energy at Chalk River, Ont., during 1947-48, the United Press reported. Canada also is building nine new weather stations in the Arctic, with the aid of the United States.

CHINA needs U. S. help, but not American troops and military equipment, Dr. Leo Eloesser, veteran of the Spanish Republican Army, said in San Francisco yesterday. He said the average Chinese blames American arms for prolonging the civil war. Dr. Eloesser has just returned from two years in China.

PRAVDA declared the Ameri-

can-Canadian defense agreement serves "neither the interests nor the cause of peace and the security of nations," according to the United Press. Pravda asked: "Does the military alliance of the great power of the United States with the relatively weak state of Canada conceal another alliance—the alliance of two great powers, the United States and Britain?"

THE UN BALKAN Investigating Commission is not expected to make a unanimous recommendation, the United Press reported from Salonika.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN flew over the erupting Paricutin volcano, went picnicking near the ancient pyramids of Teotihuacan and then wound up his three-day visit to Mexico with a last reception and "intimate dinner" at the home of President Miguel Aleman.

A New Theory

By Alan Max

There is a theory that whenever the democratic forces of a country are shaking a reactionary government, it creates a "vacuum" which we should rush in to fill. This is known as the Hoover Vacuum theory.

LABOR and the NATION

Charges Dewey Hides Files in Luciano Case

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, March 5.—Assemblyman Owen McGivern (D-Man) charged today that he had been barred from examining Parole Board files on Charles (Lucky Luciano, vice overlord whose sentence was commuted by Gov. Dewey.

In a speech blistering the Governor for freeing the big-time prostitution boss 10½ years earlier than his minimum term called for, McGivern revealed that he had been refused permission to examine the records by Charles D. Breitell, Dewey's counsel. The Governor's "deafening silence in the face of all inquiries" has made the case "a major mystery," McGivern told the Assembly.

Parole Board files may be opened only with Breitell's assent, McGivern said.

Dewey's pardon, he charged, was "sudden and unexplained."

McGivern claimed he learned the move to shorten Luciano's jail term originated in Gov. Dewey's office and not in the Parole Board, as the Governor's backers had been insinuating.

Luciano, who was the biggest racketeer in the nation at the time of his conviction, was freed by Dewey during the war and deported to Italy. A story was planted in the press that his aid to the Army in Sicily was the reason for the action. When Luciano arrived in Cuba recently, reportedly aiming to return to the U. S., the U. S. Narcotics Bureau shut off shipments of drugs to that country.



JOSEPH A. BEIRNE, president of the National Federation of Telephone Workers (Independent) warns House Labor Committee that proposed bill for an "industrial disputes commission" would lead to regimentation of labor. The Federation has set a tentative strike deadline for April 7 if their wage demands are rejected.

Dewey Asks New Taxes on Movies, Autos

By Max Gordon

ALBANY, March 5.—Gov. Dewey today proposed that all counties and cities be empowered to levy excise and sales taxes to raise an estimated \$111,000,000 for education and

CIO Asks Gov't Aid Labor Press Get Newsprint

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The life of the American labor press depends on government help to get newsprint, Thomas B. Wright, of the CIO Publications Committee, said today before the Senate Small Business subcommittee studying the newsprint problem.

"Workers need their own press," Wright said, "because the needs of the people we represent are not reflected in the big business point of view." Big daily papers, he said, "are generally on the side of the employer in any economic dispute with labor."

"The amount small users consume is negligible but they can't get even that," Wright told the Senators, estimating that some 250 CIO papers and magazines would use only 10,000 tons of paper yearly of the 4,000,000 tons consumed in the U. S.

Between 1945 and 1946 the 700 big papers belonging to the American Newspaper Publishers Association, using some 80 percent of the nation's paper supply, increased their consumption by 27 percent when national consumption rose only 23 percent. Among ANPA papers, daily circulation during the year rose 5.2 percent, Sunday circulation rose 9.5 percent and advertising lineage increased 24.3 percent.

Sen. Homer Capehart (R-Ind), subcommittee chairman, seemed anxious to steer the discussion away from big press control of newsprint and the need for a government allocation program, trying instead to emphasize the boxcar shortage in the U. S. and Canada.

Facts already given the committee show that 90 percent of U. S.-consumed paper is never handled by dealers, being sold directly from Canadian and U. S. paper mills to the big daily newspapers who consume it.

The plight of the small religious publisher was emphasized by H. H. Riemer, of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, who commented: "There is paper for those who print full-page mink coat ads but none for the word of God."

general purposes. The proposal submitted as a bill to both houses, is a major step in the Governor's program to shift taxes from high-income to low-income groups.

It was immediately attacked by Democratic leaders Elmer Quinn and Irwin Steingut, in the Senate and Assembly respectively, and by Laborite Assemblyman Samuel Kaplan.

Kaplan served notice he would call up next week his bill to eliminate the 25 percent cut in corporation taxes and half the 50 percent cut in income taxes. His measure would raise \$110,000,000 for local needs.

The Governor's plan proposes that New York City be permitted, in addition to the emergency taxes it now has, to raise an estimated \$24,300,000 as follows:

Meals over \$1 (not more than 3 percent) \$900,000.
Retail liquor license, \$2.9 million.
Amusement admissions (5 percent) \$14.9 million.
Passenger cars, \$4.1 million.
Commercial vehicles \$1.5 million.

Upstate counties would be permitted to levy the same taxes plus a 2 percent sales tax and a vending machine tax. Counties would thus be able to pick up the consumer's pockets for an estimated \$84,000,000 of which \$60,200,000 would come from sales and admission taxes.

Cities over 100,000 could tax business licenses, at one-tenth of one percent of gross business, and hotel rooms.

The Democratic leaders charged the program was an admission that the cities needed more money. Giving them more taxing powers was "putting a rope around their necks," they declared. Steingut stated that many of the upstate cities sympathized with Mayor O'Dwyer's demand for more state funds, but were afraid to say so because they did not want to "embarrass" their party.

The new proposed taxing powers are in addition to a 1 cent cigarette levy and an increase in the income tax from 50 percent of normal to 60 percent recommended by GOP leaders to pay for the bonus.

Thus, the total new tax program would raise about \$130,000,000 in excise taxes and \$24,000,000 in income taxes.

Income and corporate tax cuts still remaining will save \$135,000,000 for the rich.

Bittner Brands House Labor Body Biased Against Unions

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, March 5.—A former coal miner, now heading the CIO Southern organizing drive, forced the House Labor Committee today to listen to a unionist's opinion. He was Van A. Bittner, vice-president of the United Steel Workers of America.

A short, heavy-set figure, he thundered when the congressmen thundered and glared when they glared.

Referring to the flood of punitive labor bills he demanded, "For whose benefit are these bills offered? The parade of witnesses before this committee demonstrates that the same groups which made billions of dollars out of the war are pressing for laws against labor."

"Those who have written the bills before you have been willing to distort the facts and play upon prejudice."

A majority of the pending bills were drafted by members of the committee.

OPEN SHOP BILL

Replying to a hostile question from Rep. Edward McCowan, (R-O), Bittner retorted:

"This committee is not going to give labor a break. This evidence of mine will have no effect."

It was learned that the committee was not waiting to conclude hearings before preparing legislation. On the insistence of Rep. Clare Hoffman (R-Mich) who wants an anti-labor bill before the expected coal strike April 1, the committee has drafted a measure which makes it an unfair labor practice to strike for a closed shop contract.

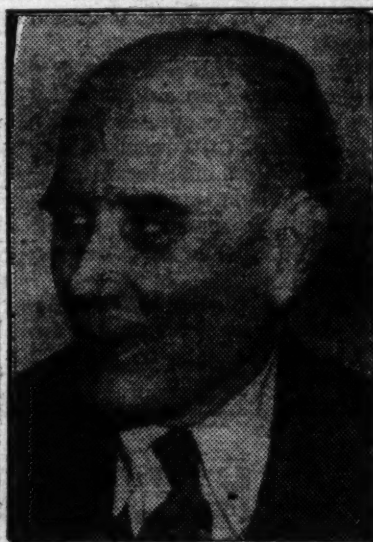
The new bill, based on the Case bill, would also ban industry-wide bargaining, jurisdictional strikes and secondary boycotts. Several members are seeking to incorporate provisions to forbid Communists from holding union office, it is reported.

Before the Senate Labor Committee, Wellington Roe, a renegade from the labor movement, urged Congress to require Federal charters for labor unions and to set up labor courts.

Roe, who was fired a year ago by A. F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, told the committee he is an expert on labor problems for Readers Digest, Harpers and other periodicals.

Van Bittner scoffed at contentions that Wagner Act amendments are needed to "balance the power between labor and management."

Let me remind you the Wagner Act does nothing more than say to the employer that he must not discriminate against his workers or use other unfair tactics to defeat their right to organize, and that he must bargain collectively



BITTNER Tells Off House Group with the union they choose," said Bittner.

"The Wagner Act does not require the employer to grant union demands. It does nothing more than make collective bargaining possible."

Bittner pictured conditions in the South where "even these simple principles" have not been accepted by many employers.

"Since our drive began late in May, 18 of our organizers have been set upon and beaten. Several hundred workers prominent in union activities have been fired. Two CIO representatives in Alabama were ambushed and shot at—and their car set on fire. In several towns CIO members have been denied the right of public assembly. The right of free speech has been abridged in several instances."

"A congressman had the gall to state publicly that the proper treatment for CIO labor union organizers was tar and feathers and if need be to apply a match." From other sources it was learned Bittner referred to Theodore G. Bilbo.

"There you have a picture of what some employers are doing. Labor unions too strong? Just remember there are still many millions of unorganized workers struggling under substandard working conditions."

Bittner reviewed the proposals for punitive labor legislation and effectively made mincemeat of the claims of their sponsors.

"Is it really jurisdictional strikes

that are causing concern to the average American today?" asked the CIO leader. "Is it so-called breaches of contract by labor that really trouble the average wife? Of course not. No vicious propaganda—no hue and cry against labor can hide the facts."

The real source of concern to the American people are rising prices, the prospect of higher rents, falling wages, and jobs, he said. "Returned veterans are still suffering, without adequate housing."

Congress, he said, ought to turn its attention to these things.

Bittner tangled angrily with Rep. Charles Kirsten (R-Wis) who persisted in pressing the Communist issue. Bittner denied CIO leaders were Communists. Kirsten said all Communists, whether or not citizens, should be deported to Russia.

Bittner replied he was against the dictatorship of the proletariat and against the dictatorship of the money bags. He said he had opposed Communism "for the past 40 years" but this didn't appease the former prosecuting attorney of Milwaukee. Obviously, to him there could never be any real distinction between militant labor and Communism.

\$2,500 Bail For Lynching

GREENVILLE, S. C., March 5 (UP).—A South Carolina grand jury will be asked next week to return murder indictments against 31 men charged with lynching a Negro, it was announced today as a signed statement from one of the mobsters identified the ringleader.

R. C. Herd, a taxicab dispatcher, was accused by a Greenville cab driver, H. T. Fleming, of taking charge of the mob that pulled Willie Earle from the Pickens County Jail Feb. 17 and killed him. Fleming said that Herd blasted the Negro to death with a shotgun charge.

Herd and the other men—mostly cab drivers—are out of jail on \$2,500 bonds pending the outcome of grand jury action. All are charged with murder.

SENATE GROUP READIES 10 PERCENT RENT RISE

WASHINGTON, March 5 (UP).—Legislation to boost rents 10 percent and transfer rent control from OPA to the courts was put in final form today by a Senate Banking subcommittee.

Subcommittee chairman C. Douglass Buck (R-Del) told reporters, however, there is a possibility the Senate might boost the proposed rent increase to 15 percent.

The full Banking Committee will consider the measure tomorrow.

NEW YORK

Frank Sampson Takes Over as Wigwam Chief

Frank J. Sampson was unanimously elected leader of Tammany Hall yesterday to replace Edward V. Loughlin and plans were set in motion immediately to squeeze out the latter's two top aides, Bert Stand and Clarence H. Neal.

Sampson's election marked a complete victory for Mayor O'Dwyer in the inner-Democratic Party battle. Jeremiah Mahoney, leader in the Ninth Assembly District, who nominated Sampson revealed that a reorganization plan would be announced within 48 hours.

Presumably the reorganization plan will be the first move in the fight to oust Stand, Tammany secretary, and Neal, chairman of the Tammany finance committee.

Sampson, however, said he had not asked Stand and Neal to resign yet.

MAKES PLEDGE

The new Wigwam chief cancelled plans to go to Albany today where he was to have been a guest at the correspondents' dinner. He said he wanted to stay in the city because he expected a lot to be happening here. Mayor O'Dwyer will attend the dinner.

Upon his election Sampson issued a statement in which he said Tammany would be a "civic-minded organization pledged to use its influence for good government."

The Tammany executive committee which elected Sampson also restored two seats on the body to George Thompson and Mrs. Ann McGovern, co-leaders of the Sixth A. D. They had been elected two years ago but never seated by Loughlin.

Also ratified by the committee were Joseph Brennan, third A. D. and Prospero Viggiano, second A. D. The meeting was at Tammany headquarters, 331 Madison Ave.

Stand and Neal did not comment on the day's proceedings.

Knitgoods Local To Vote Today

Election for all officers of Knitgoods Workers Union Local 155 (AFL Ladies Garment Workers) will be held today from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. New York District members will vote at the Rand School, 7 E. 15 St., and Brooklyn members will vote at Imperial Palace, 790 Broadway, Brooklyn.

Rank and File candidate for manager, Joe Rappaport, issued a last-minute appeal for a large vote under column B to indicate the members' demand for greater democracy in the union.

Other Rank and File candidates are: Business Agents, Louis Cooper, Morris Shapiro, Sam Steinhart; Organizer, Max Schnapp; President, William Miller; executive board, garment makers' representatives, Frances Friedman, Shirley Goldberg, Etta Haytin, Dave Kirshbaum, Nettie Markow, Esther Miller, Jack Yanow; Knitters' representatives, Jack Finkel, Jacob Frankfurt, William Kitty, Jack Schiller, Abraham Tamshen; Sick and Relief Committee, Jack Nickon, Ethel Rechtman.

Friedman, Kirshbaum, Miller, Rappaport, Schnapp and Shapiro are also candidates for convention delegates.

Furniture Rally Saturday

Rep. Vito Marcantonio and State Sen. Kenneth Sherbell will head a list of speakers to address a city-wide conference Saturday of the CIO United Furniture Workers. The conference, set for 10 a.m. at the Hotel Diplomat, will spark the union's campaign to defeat anti-labor legislation.

Others who will speak include Saul Mills, secretary of the City CIO; Sidney Katz, American Jewish Congress; and Abraham Isserman, attorney for the New York Newspaper Guild.

Slamming the Absent Guest

Pity the poor prima donnas of the press! The Daily Worker learned yesterday that Premier Stalin has not even acknowledged a frantic wire from the Overseas Press Club to make Andrei Gromyko drop his work and speak at a club dinner.

The Soviet representative to UN had been billed as a top speaker at the club's United Nations festival at the Waldorf Tuesday night. Gromyko's American and British opposite numbers, Sen. Warren Austin and Hector McNeill, were present and spoke.

Three days before the event, Gromyko, then preparing today's headlined 22-page declaration on atomic control, wired the club that "pressure of business" would not permit him to speak. The club, according to president W. W. Chaplin, immediately sent indignant wires to Gromyko and Stalin, pressing for reversal of the decision.

THEM RUDE ROOSHIAN

Both statesmen demonstrated the singular Soviet obtuseness to Western values that infuriates American foreign correspondents. Apparently rating the United Nations more highly than the sensibilities of the scribblers, they replied with silence.



GROMYKO Had Work to Do

The meeting, as it turned out, was conducted in an atmosphere of rabid anti-Sovietism and pro-militarism. There was less Waldorf-

Astoria reserve than Munich beer-hall rowdiness in the response of the audience to these suggestions:

• When chairman Chaplin announced Gromyko would not be present, there were boos, hisses, laughter, applause, and anti-Soviet outcries. There was a distinct flavor of heavy drinking in the behavior of the crowd, largely made up of correspondents and their connections.

• Chaplin introduced McNeill as "a man who was not prevented from attending by the pressure of business." This brought a second demonstration from the crowd. Tables solidly occupied by Hearst men were conspicuous in these scenes.

• Sen. Austin and Sen. Chan Gurney (R-SD), chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, spoke less about UN than about a program of American military strength. Passages about "processes of conciliation" drew no response. But when Austin spoke of using "force if necessary" an outburst of patrioteering super-Americanism followed.

THE COMMON MAN

Strikingly in the mood of the crowd was a speech by Robert R. Young, chairman of the board of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad. Wild applause greeted his skillfully phrased attacks on "diplomats of both parties strolling arm and arm down the same lover's lane, behind the hedges, where twice before they got the everlasting hell stung out of them."

But aside from constantly reiterated demands that "the common man" intervene and "seek world empire," he offered no substitute for the United Nations diplomacy that he attacked.

Correspondents present characterized the speech—and the audience response—as highly like the new-fascist Uomo Qualunque (Common Man) propaganda in Italy today. Young, frequently and favorably in the headlines recently, is said to have powerful backing in a "build-up" preparatory to his entry into public affairs. Correspondents say he has "Willkie ambitions."

Marcantonio Hits Wallander In Harlem Curfew Suit

Rep. Vito Marcantonio, in papers filed yesterday in the Supreme Court, charged Police Commissioner Arthur W. Wallander with exploiting "malicious prejudices" against the East Harlem area to cover up police corruption.

The charge was made in connection with a motion by 15 social and political clubs to restrain Wallander from imposing a 10 p.m. curfew. The case is before Justice Bernard L. Shientag.

Marcantonio and Allen Goodwin are counsels for the clubs. Wallander's answer to Marcantonio's previous move for an injunction was called "a sham, dishonest, evasive and deceptive," by the Congressman. The police commissioner attached the alleged criminal records of 73 men in his affidavits.

The congressman said that 63 of these individuals are neither directly nor indirectly connected with the plaintiff clubs. Of the remaining 10, five have no criminal record at all. The remaining five are respectable citizens of the community whose records are old and of minor consequence.

Judge Shientag has before him a motion for a temporary injunction. A trial is necessary to obtain a permanent injunction.

Truman Plane Flies Over Active Volcano

MEXICO CITY, March 5.—President Truman made an aerial visit today to the volcano of Paricutin which was in actual eruption.

Paricutin first erupted in February, 1943, and the most recent eruption was at 1 a.m. (CST) today. Truman's plane flew low over the countryside, its occupants looting at the smothering effect of the ash which has forced the populations of four small towns to abandon their homes.

Lower Harlem Set for Recruiting Honors

It's almost certain the lower Harlem section will come off with top honors this Saturday afternoon when prize banners are awarded in the first stage of the New York County recruiting drive.

Lower Harlem will bring a record of 40 new members to the March 8 conference of section and club leaders at Irving Plaza at 1:30 p.m. The section, whose achievement far exceeds any other in the county went well over its quota of 25, set for that date.

It's a toss-up whether the waterfront or distributing trades-sections in the county will walk off with the conference's industrial banner. Both are running close, with the waterfront reaching 50 percent and the distributive trades 30 percent of their March 8 quotas.

Of course, last-minute upsets can be expected. Several large affairs and parties are being held Friday night throughout the county. The end of the conference will be the deadline for counting and awards.

Speakers at the conference will be Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, head of the community brigade; and Ben Gold, head of the industrial brigade.

COUNTY'S GOAL

The county as a whole has set

a goal of 1,000 by March 8 and to date is nearing the half-way mark. Community and industrial sections are speeding activities for the rest of the week.

New York has assumed a quota of 6,500 new members in the 1947 Krumbein recruiting drive, which runs from March 1 to Sept. 30, but it aims to win the bulk of the new recruits by June 30 before the summer "lull" sets in.

At the conference plans for the next stage of the drive will be made and every brigadier with five or more new members will receive an award.

Competition between sections has the memberships racing in the Lower Harlem and Harlem sections. Harlem has about 40 percent of its March 8 mark. The Lower East Side and Harlem are also competing with both about 40 percent of the mark while the Lower East Side and West Side are competing with the West Side closer to 50 percent.

One of the features of the drive is pacesetting. Individuals as well as clubs are striving to show how it can be done. In fact, New York County aims to set the recruiting pace for the rest of the nation. It has challenged the entire state

of California which has approximately the same membership as the county.

Whether New York can live up to its goals depends largely on how hard the members pull until Saturday, and after that, too.

Lawyers Resist Rent Control End

The New York Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild yesterday opposed the end of OPA rent control and hit the recommendation requiring tenants to institute actions in Federal court for landlord violations.

It also assailed rent increases by agreement between landlord and tenant, and further decontrol of new housing and hotel accommodations.

Morris A. Wainger, chairman of the New York Chapter's Committee on Social Legislation, issued the statement on the proposed rent control measure under consideration by the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency.

N. Y. County's Goal: 1,000 NEW RECRUITS BY MARCH 8th

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DAILY WORKER.

Noted Mexicans Protest Arrest of Eisler

Seven prominent Mexicans have written the State Department protesting the treatment of Gerhart Eisler, the imprisoned German Communist, the Daily Worker learned yesterday.

The protest was made on the eve of Eisler's appearance before the Thomas-Rankin Committee a month ago, and appears in the Cuban newspaper Hoy on March 2. "We feel that it is an affront to

Eisler Rally March 20 At Manhattan Center

New Yorkers will have the chance to protest the treatment of Gerhart Eisler at Manhattan Center Thursday night, March 20. Among the speakers are Rep. Vito Marcantonio, the only con-

gressman to vote against the contempt charge, and Hilde Eisler, the German anti-fascist's wife. Readers are urged to get their tickets now for this meeting, and reserve the date.

the democratic principles of America to hold a German refugee against his will who wholeheartedly served the interests of

the Allies and who was always an active fellow fighter against Nazism," the declaration says. It is signed by Dr. Enrique

Gonzalez Martinez, president of the PEN club; Martin Luis Guzman, editor of the influential news weekly, Tiempo; Diego Rivera, the artist; Dr. Antonio Castro Leal, former rector of the National University; Ermilo Abreu Gomez, the prominent author; Clemente Lopez Trujillo, director of the National Library, and Dr. Gonzales Aguirre Beltran, director of the demographic division of the Mexican ministry of state. "Eisler's place today is Ger-

many," the appeal to the State Department said. "There he should put at the disposal of the German people all his ability and his great experience. He is precisely one who could serve the interests of the United Nation—if he were permitted to do so—to help exterminate the remnants of Nazism."

The declaration scoffed at the charges against Eisler as "nothing but propaganda aimed at certain well-known objectives."

Award 6% Rise To Coast Seamen Who Asked 25%

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5.—A six percent wage increase, instead of the demanded 25 percent was awarded three West Coast maritime unions yesterday.

The unions, representing 12,000 workers, were the Marine Cooks and Stewards, CIO; the American Communications Association, CIO, and the Marine Firemen, Oilers and Wipers, unaffiliated. The award, which was criticized as inadequate by one union leader, was granted by arbitrator Paul Kleinsorge after lengthy consideration of the hearings which were held in New York.

The increase was sought under wage review clauses in existing contracts to offset the rise in the cost of living. The workers had asked for a 25 percent raise in basic wage scales and a 25 percent boost in overtime pay. They were awarded a six percent basic scale increase and six percent raise in overtime rates.

President Hugh Bryson of the MCS termed the award a "disappointment."

"The arbitrator, while recognizing the inequity which our membership is suffering because of spiraling costs of living, failed to correct them and awarded only a token increase," Bryson said.

"In the light of continued increases in prices, a vigorous campaign by the union will be initiated immediately looking forward to the June 15 termination of the contract," he warned.

Dutch Unionists

Ask Nationalization

AMSTERDAM.—Key Dutch industries should be nationalized instead of being put in the hands of American monopolies, M. Blokzijl, chairman of the United Trade Unions (EVC) told the first EVC national congress here.

Fraternal delegates at the congress, where 170,000 workers were represented, included labor leaders from France, Belgium, Britain, Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

Unions Join Forces In Springfield, Mass.

Special to the Daily Worker

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 5.—Labor of this industrial area is today waging a united struggle against anti-union legislation as a result of the United Labor Conference on Anti-Labor Legislation. The conference was attended by 300 delegates from 40 locals.

The conference, initiated by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen here, named a continuations committee consisting of a delegate from each of the AFL, CIO, Brotherhood and other unaffiliated unions represented.

Speakers included the heads of AFL Central Labor Union, CIO Council and BRT. Resolutions passed, rapped both Congressional and state anti-labor bills.

Among the unions represented were many railroad lodges, AFL Bakers, typographers, operating engineers, electricians, and the CIO's Westinghouse, General Electric, Worthington Pump, locals of the United Electrical Workers; Flisk Rubber and a bus-load of textile delegates from Holyoke.

BREMERTON, WASH.

BREMERTON, Wash., March 5.—The Bremerton Central Labor Council of the AFL adopted a resolution urging all AFL councils in Washington to support AFL-CIO-Railroad Brotherhoods joint action against anti-labor bills. The recommendation was also directed to A. M. Weston, president of Washington Federation of Labor.

CALIFORNIA A.V.C. BARS RED-BAITING, VOWS UNITY

SAN JOSE, Calif., March 5.—A resolution to bar Communists from membership was rejected by the annual California convention of the American Veterans Committee last weekend.

The convention unanimously adopted a resolution reaffirming its belief in freedom of speech and pledging itself to a policy of unity based on a program arrived at democratically.

The convention endorsed the principle and purposes of a proposed statewide motor cavalcade to Sacramento to demand a special housing session of the state legislature.

The unity resolution rejected attempts by any political party to utilize the name of AVC for its own political end and "the use of AVC by any individual to further personal political ambitions."

"Because organizational effectiveness can be destroyed by labels, witch-hunts and red-baiting, we

denounce these tactics as diversionary," the resolution declared.

The convention adopted a program of action covering housing, labor, education and academic freedom, minorities, Central Valley projects, taxation, health, granting the vote to 18-year-olds, and reapportionment of the state senate.

Attempts to destroy unions through anti-labor laws and use of police were condemned. The convention demanded jobless benefits up to \$25 a week for 23 weeks, a state minimum wage of 75 cents an hour, and condemned the state practice of forcing unemployed to "downgrade" themselves to low-paid jobs.

Luciano Deportation Set for Saturday

HAVANA, Cuba, March 5.—Charles ("Lucky") Luciano will be deported to Italy on March 8 or 9, despite a habeas corpus writ issued by the lower court of Havana, Interior Minister Alfredo Pequeno said today.

Luciano will be put on board the steamer Bakir scheduled to sail for Genoa, via the Canary Islands, Pequeno said.

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DORA JONES, 58, smiles for cameraman in San Diego, Cal., after a federal grand jury there began investigating her charge of being held as a slave for 30 years. She accused Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ingalls of Caranado, Cal., of keeping her in their home in a state of involuntary servitude.

Seek 60 Americans With Philippine Huks

MANILA.—Sixty American GIs are thought to be fighting in the ranks of the Hukbalahap, Philippine wartime guerrillas whose postwar program of lower rents and protection of peasants oppressed by landlords is bitterly opposed by President Manuel Roxas.

Roxas, a wartime collaborator with Japan, aims to wipe out the popular movement. Story of the GIs was revealed in a U. S. Army report, saying the men are being sought in the central Luzon war area.

Strike-Breaking Laid To Electromatic Co.

Attempts to break a strike at Electromatic Radios Co., by subcontracting of orders were charged by Local 430, CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers.

The union said police are aiding to ship material through the picket lines, and charged one of the employers struck shop chairman Dominick De Giuseppe on the picket line.

The three-week old strike at the 88 University Place place began, the union said, when the firm persisted in efforts to smash the union's organization there.

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Wholesale food prices have advanced to another new high as of March 1, the Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., index showed today.

The index of 31 foods in general use reached \$6.77, the company reported, an increase of 15 cents above the previous week's mark of \$6.62, itself a record high.

The figure compared with a peak last November of \$6.49, and a level a year ago of \$4.17.

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Change the World

Henry Luce Lauds Socialist 'Bird Dogs' Who Aid Fascists in 'Red Hunt'

By Mike Gold

THIS IS THE "red-hunting season" in America, as Gerhart Eisler, one of the hunted dubbed it recently. The filthy sport is well illustrated in his case. First, in the pages of the millionaire press, the dogs set up a fearful hue and cry. Eisler is this, he is that! He is the leader of American Communism, also he is a Russian spy who has stolen all the secrets of our atom bomb!



Yet Eisler's record is that of a brave, faithful fighter against fascism. He spent years in concentration camps. He never wanted to stay in the United States. For many months he had been trying to return to Europe to rejoin the fight against the Nazi underground. It is all as plain as that.

Such a proud, pure career of anti-fascism as that cannot be controverted. So when the smearing runs its course, and the fictioneers exhaust their powers of forgery and invention, one finds the charges boil down to: "Eisler showed contempt of the Rankin committee."

For this, they may put Eisler in jail. Upon this sandy bottom they have built a fabulous engine of tyranny.

It isn't Eisler they want, really. It is Henry Wallace, and Mrs. Roosevelt, and the progressive movement, labor unions, CIO or AFL, liberal middle class, PAC, and so forth.

"LIFE" magazine gives away the true object of the Eisler hunt in a recent editorial. Life is the exponent of sophistication in American imperialism. It could never tolerate a crude and vulgar fascism. It is—for a refined and concealed fascism, if possible. It wants rose-vines on its outhouse.

So the venal Trotskyite intellectuals who do the dirty work for the masters, denounce as "foolish" some of "our past attempts at Red-hunting; such as when Martin Dies tried to make a Communist out of Shirley Temple."

No, says Life, on March 3. It is the "front organizations that should be the committee's specialty." Down with the "fellow-travelers" and with Shirley Temple!

Life names the Progressive Citizens organization that Henry Wallace leads as its chief target.

"It would be a very useful thing if the Thomas Committee could isolate, identify and expose the concealed Communist elements in the P.C.A."

"This project would involve the assistance of liberals and even anti-Communist Socialists, who are among the keenest bird-dogs in a legitimate Red-hunt."

AHA! NOW we have the name for the Dubinskys, Louis Fischers, Louis Budenzes and such types. They are Henry Luce's dogs—his bird-dogs. They are openly asked to lead him and his millionaire clique to destroy the Henry Wallaces.

"In political matters the thing democracy has most to fear is not its avowed enemies but those disguised as its friends," Life states in the same editorial. "... What happens to open-and-above-board Communists is none of the Committee's business. ..."

No, they are after disguised "Communists" as David Lillenthal, for example, and also the fellow-travelers who led in the fight for a five-cent subway fare in New York.

Sure, these five-centers were nothing but disguised "collectivists," according to a piece by "Heptisax" in last Sunday's N. Y. Tribune.

"Liberal" and "Socialist" bird-dogs of Germany were also used by the Nazis to root out German "fellow-travelers" like Mrs. Roosevelt and Henry Wallace. Then the hunters changed the trail to Jews, authors, Poles, biologists, Czechs, musicians and most of the human race. Result: forty million dead and a universal horror and shame that has left the mark of Cain upon all humanity's forehead.

EDGAR ANSELL MOWREY, liberal bird-dog employed by the N. Y. Post, threatened recently the Socialists, Communists, liberals and other left elements of France with a civil war and a St. Bartholomew's Eve, a fascist massacre in short. He hates and fears the French people. He also praises John Foster Dulles, and is his special bird-dog, I guess.

We are living in a time of treason, degradation and the decay of American liberalism. It is also the time of transition and change. American big business is hot for a new world war. It means to conquer the world. "Liberal" bird-dogs are as necessary to these American imperialists, as they were to Hitler. But can America really take over the whole world? That's where the bird-dogs may be miscalculating their own future.



The Romance of the Sea: Nineteen of the 85 men aboard the tanker Lyons Creek were hurt, several critically, when the vessel was ripped open by an explosion at this Houston, Tex. dock. The tanker had just before discharged its cargo of gasoline.

THE ANGLO-FRENCH PACT

By James S. Allen

WHAT IS THE MEANING of the Anglo-French Pact, signed at Dunkerque on the eve of the Moscow Conference? Is it the cornerstone of a West European bloc?

The door to such a development is not closed by the pact. Neither does it advance the project. From the pact, it is possible to go in either direction.

Reaction hopes the Anglo-French Pact will lead to a West European bloc. But the present pact gives them little comfort. To see this, it is only necessary to recall the broad objectives announced following Leon Blum's brief negotiations in London in January, on the eve of the formation of the new French Government.

It was then said Blum had agreed to drop the French demand for separation of the Ruhr and the Rhineland from Germany. In return Britain had pledged to undertake reconstruction of the Ruhr, with French participation and with guarantees against a resurgent Germany. This in turn was tied to the project for Anglo-French economic coordination.

AS THUS REPRESENTED, the Anglo-French Pact was to be a step towards a West European bloc, in which the Ruhr arsenal would be integrated, along the lines advocated by Churchill, De Gaulle and Dulles.

It turns out that the finished product does not meet these specifications. It is a security accord, modelled after the French-Soviet pact including provisions for joint action against any threat of German aggression, and not only against overt acts of aggression. It contains no provisions for arms coordination, as provided in the Anglo-American and U. S.-Canadian agreements. It leaves the way open for Anglo-French-Soviet security accord, once the Anglo-Soviet pact is revised along similar lines.

It is evident that the agreement on German policy mentioned earlier as a condition of the pact is absent. As the debate on foreign policy in the French Chamber made clear, the old gap exists between the British and French positions. Less is said in France today about the political separation of the Rhineland, but French opinion remains firm on international control of the Ruhr arsenal, reparations, and restriction of German industry in favor of strengthening the economy of Allied countries.

The project for Anglo-French economic coordination has also receded far into the background. Britain can contribute little to the reconstruction of France, unless it makes a sharp break with the

policies that hinder reconstruction in Britain itself.

ILLUMINATING is the contradictory emphasis placed upon the pact in Paris and London. The French emphasize its tripartite possibilities, alongside the French-Soviet accord and a revised Anglo-Soviet agreement, as a guarantee of European security. The French government has also announced its intention to conclude similar pacts with the countries of Eastern Europe, as well as with Belgium and Holland.

In his report to Parliament, however, Bevin pictured the pact as a step towards the four-power treaty proposed last year by Byrnes. Without a real change in current policy, and as long as the Anglo-American bloc persists, this proposal remains a shield for a Western bloc under American domination.

Byrnes' proposal was received coolly in France and throughout Europe, because it is viewed as a means of permanently bringing the United States into Europe as a dominant power. The Anglo-American zonal merger in Germany, and the present invitation by Britain to the United States to take over the dominant position in Greece and Turkey are indicative of how the present British Labor Government is knuckling under to its senior partner.

IN THIS SITUATION, the French can no longer view Britain as an obstacle to American penetration, with its consequent threat of reviving the German danger, unless, of course, there is a real shift of British policy. The hope held in some quarters that a Western bloc might limit American expansion in Europe was dependent upon Britain's ability to maintain her position.

But this can be done only by Britain strengthening her ties with the Soviet Union and the European democracies, in which case the entire basis for a West European bloc would vanish. The Anglo-French Pact can serve this purpose provided it is followed by the required shift in British policy.

WORTH REPEATING

"There is no doubt that Uncle Sam's government is completely impartial in its democratic action: it gives Gerhart Eisler, convicted of hostility to fascism, the perspective of a long time in jail, and it gives the Georgia Legislature all the time it wishes to frame a law barring Negroes from the polls."—Sergio Aguirre, writing in 'Hoy,' Havana daily.

Press Roundup

'Trib' Urges U.S. Toughen Tough Policy

THE HERALD TRIBUNE regrets that the United States wasn't tougher about having its own way in the settlement of the so-called "satellite" treaties. But, it consoles itself, this teaches us "that our desires carry only a little way in this world and that the only aims which we can make good are those aims behind which we are willing to put our beliefs, our money and our earnest effort."

THE TIMES' Sulzberger sees plenty of oil in the Middle East to wash down United States' eager gulping of Greece. "Should Greece turn Communist," he says, "Turkey would be politically outflanked and could no longer resist the pressure that already is onerous. Without Turkey, Iran would go under." And in Saudi Arabia "there probably is more oil than the United States' proved oil reserves."

THE SUN's Sokolsky can take on all comers in defense of Senator McKellar. Some freshman senators, Sokolsky says, have suggested McKellar opposes Lillenthal because Lillenthal refused him "patronage" in TVA. That's a lie, and, Sokolsky warns, "they will have to keep far away from patronage themselves hereafter lest the adage concerning those who live in glass houses be applied to them." They are really submitting to the pressure from "liberal groups," he says.

THE NEWS agrees with Professor Nathaniel Peffer of Columbia U. that "whether we lend China 500 million dollars or 500 cents, the money will only be squandered in fighting. A year from now we shall be in exactly the same situation." And that could apply to "several other principalities and powers now begging us to finance them against their actual or potential enemies," says the News. They don't want the U. S. to let the Greek people have their democracy, do they?

THE POST's Harold L. Ickes says "school teachers are public employees and should not go out on strike." If teachers may strike, so may policemen and firemen and soldiers. ... Of course teachers ought to be paid enough to support them in decency and comfort. ... Perhaps the people have been slow in recognizing the grievances of the teachers, but given time and understanding, there can be no doubt of general public support."

THE MIRROR's Drew Pearson declares "British bankers have forced the Greeks to pay a substantial part of their budget to London. Hambros bank had floated loans to finance the Athens water works, Boetian irrigation project, Patras Railway and most of the Greek light and power companies. Interest on these loans was high, from around 7.75 to 16 percent. One great political thorn was these loans." But still, the burden on Britain was high, he points out, and though the American taxpayer is asked to take it over, "the British and U. S. governments long followed a policy of letting our citizens know nothing of what was happening."



An Orphan Before He was Born: This 5-pound, 6-ounce boy, crying in his nurse's arms, was born 10 minutes after his mother, Mrs. George Franchini, had died. The baby was born in Renton, Wash., a month ahead of schedule, in a Caesarian operation.

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Eric Johnston's Formula

ERIC JOHNSTON, built up as a prophet of a more "modern," more "moderate" capitalism, told the House Labor Committee just what it wanted to hear.

The former president of the Chamber of Commerce suggested legislation barring "Communists" from union office and giving employers a right to fire a worker for being a "Communist."

Both the House and Senate labor committees had built up their testimony for Johnston's awaited suggestion.

Other Congressional committees are pressing for a whole chain of bills designed to bring America next door to fascism under the guise of anti-Communism.

The pattern is a simple one. Reactionaries will show their "generosity" by abandoning, for the time being, their plans to kill the union shop, industry-wide bargaining or to throw the Wagner Act bodily into the ash-can.

They will be content to pass a group of laws that would, in effect, paralyze union activity. Their cherished hope is for a red-baiting joker under which they could pump the life-giving elements out of a union.

A Communist, in the mind of an Eric Johnston, is anyone who is even mildly progressive. Under the law he wants, every shop would become a Gestapo-run institution with the employer the judge of what constitutes a Communist.

The union would no longer be judge as to who should be its officers, shop stewards or even members. The employer's thought control department and its stoop pigeons would always hang over a union like a court of final judgment. A stifling witch-hunt atmosphere would rule every local union.

The Wagner Act would be a scrap of paper, because a union would no longer be protected against unfair discharges. The U.S. Constitution would be a scrap of paper, because a man's freedom of thought would now be conditioned upon his doing so at the risk of losing his right to eat.

That would make a beautiful picture for Eric Johnston's employer class.

Johnston undoubtedly takes refuge in the fact that many labor leaders, especially in the AFL, favor anti-Communist repressive measures. William Green, in his testimony before the same committee, said he would not fight for reinstatement of a discharged Communist.

But the fact that the union-busters are now pressing for a red-baiting formula should give labor leaders food for serious thought. Reaction is after the unions no less than the Communists.

Dewey Cracks the Whip

LABOR leaders who entertained illusions about Governor Dewey must have had a sad awakening when the tougher version of the Condon-Wadlin Bill became known.

It was the Governor who cracked the whip to make the ban on teacher strikes apply to all public employees. And Republican legislative leaders at Albany are losing no time to push the measure through.

Dewey is going even further than many GOP governors of other states.

The pending New York measure would cover hundreds of thousands of workers in state and municipal employ.

Lacking protection under the Wagner Act or other federal labor legislation these workers would be at the mercy of political administrations.

Union-busting, not strikes, is the issue. Strikes of public employees have been few despite frequent provocation to strike. The real object of the bill is to deprive public employees of their collective bargaining power and, thereby, send them to extinction.

The measure is aimed at hundreds of local AFL and CIO unions. It would open the door to outlawing all strikes.

Labor has little time to lose. Legislative adjournment time is drawing near. Only a vigorous and immediate mobilization of labor's united forces will stay the reactionary hand at Albany.

SCRAM



Letters From Our Readers

Wants Youth Page
In the 'Daily'

Bronx, N.Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Hats off to Muriel and Mel for taking the initiative in pressing for a youth column or page in our press. Many of our youth branches have been feeling this lack of exchange of ideas concerning our work.

We have been struggling with the development of a proper approach to young people and the correct forms which our work should take. Problems of work among unorganized youth, of integrating our work with mass organizations such as the AYD and IWO youth groups, veterans groups and of cooperating with adult branches each have been to a greater or less extent neglected. Instead there has been a too literal imitation of adult branch work.

To my mind, the granting of such space could provide a sounding board for national and state youth leaders to hammer out the correct line on the youth question. Also local Party youth leaders can exchange experiences, and non-Party youth leaders can give suggestions and constructive criticism.

Dennis' summation of the plenum stressed the danger of youth and vets falling prey to fascist demagoguery comes to the next crisis. Further, as Muriel and Mel pointed out, we hold the future of our nation and of the Party.

MORTY.

Finds Some Stories
Are Poorly Edited

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I find some news reporting in the Daily Worker needs more than one reading on my part to get the gist of the article. For instance, the Saturday article headed "Newsguild board votes down its president."

I found three different facts discussed in one sentence. I find it hard to get facts out of such a story. This is not the first time I have experienced such difficulty.

I thought I ought to write to you, for, after all, it is a paper for plain working folk and the news reporting should be geared accordingly.

S. R.

PUERTO RICO KIDS WIN

By L. D. Harris

THE SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, District Court last week overruled President Truman's veto of the Puerto Rican bill substituting Spanish for English as the language to be spoken in the schools of the island.

The Court, in an unanimous opinion of five judges, found that the President had not acted within the 90 day period specified by the Organic Act of Puerto Rico, and that therefore the bill is law.

The measure, Senate Bill 51, passed by the Insular Legislature in March, 1946, ordered the Commissioner of Education to require all subjects to be taught in Spanish in the public schools. Up to this time the power to determine what language would be used in teaching was left in the hands of the Commissioner, a Presidential appointee; the policy varied with each successive appointee.

WHEN THIS Spanish-speaking country was ceded to the United States in 1899 at the end of the Spanish-American War, one of the first acts of the new administration was to create a school system under an American Commissioner in which English was the official language.

This policy, which proved unworkable, was modified gradually until Spanish came to be used in the first six grades and English thereafter. Senate Bill 51 extended the use of Spanish to all grades and aimed to set once and for all the policy to be followed.

The bill was vetoed by Acting Governor Manuel A. Perez on instructions from Governor Tugwell, and was passed over his veto by a nearly unanimous vote of both houses of the Legislature. Acting according to the provisions of the Organic Act—an Act of Congress, which is Puerto Rico's constitution—the Governor sent the bill to the President for approval or veto. The Interior Department which received the bill, held it for 92 days before submitting it to the President, who vetoed it on Oct. 25, 1946.

THIS ACTION, the first time a President has vetoed a bill of the Puerto Rican Legislature, aroused a storm of protest. Demonstrations were held at the university and at many schools throughout the island. The Teachers Asso-

ciation joined other civic and progressive organizations in condemning Truman's action.

Shortly afterward, suit was brought by Pedro Parrilla Montanez, acting for his children, to determine whether the bill had become law, and, if so, to order the Commissioner of Education to enforce it. Lawyers of the department argued in court that the bill had been vetoed by President Truman less than 90 days after he had received it, and that the time the bill was kept by the Interior Department should not be counted within the period of 90 days.

The court found that communications sent by the Governor to the President customarily were received first by the Department of the Interior for study and recommendation, and that this time should be counted. Thus the President had vetoed the bill 172 days after its receipt.

THE COMMISSIONER OF education can appeal. This is an interesting situation because the present commissioner, Mariano Villaronga, has not yet been confirmed by the U. S. Senate, and is being opposed by Republicans residing in Puerto Rico on the grounds that he favors teaching in Spanish. He may find it politically expedient to go through the motions of appealing.

SUPPORT FOR THE USE of Spanish is not limited to those favoring independence for Puerto Rico. Educators everywhere agree that the only effective teaching is that given in the child's vernacular, and that the attempt to teach difficult subjects like mathematics in what amounts to a foreign language results in learning neither the subject nor English itself.

There is general agreement among Puerto Ricans of all shades of opinion that children should learn English. They differ only in how it should be handled. Most believe that it is most effectively learned as a special subject, as Spanish is taught in the United States.

Negro Veteran Mutilated by Mississippi Mob

L. C. Jenkins, a Negro veteran of Collins, Miss., was tied to a tree by a mob last week, and castrated with a razor blade. This depravity was made known here by Archie McLaurin of Chicago, who read to the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People a letter from his wife, Mrs. Vera McLaurin, relating the atrocity.

The letter described how Jenkins and a friend, W. C. Holloway, accepted a ride from an unknown white man after attending a movie in Collins. After going a short distance, the man ordered Holloway from the car, and told him to leave town. He said he wanted to get Jenkins because he resented his attention to a Negro girl he too was interested in.

The unnamed man took Jenkins to a side road off Highway 49, north of Collins, where a group of white men were waiting. After performing their horrible deed, they untied Jenkins and left him. He struggled to his home nearby, where his mother found him lying on the porch. He is now in a Jackson, Miss. Hospital.

John Sandiford, Sheriff of Covington County, has said there was nothing he could do since Jenkins would not name the man. The sheriff said that after investigation he found the razor and rope used in the crime.

Holloway, who was with Jenkins when he was picked up by his assailant, is in hiding somewhere in Mississippi.

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Philippines Lawyers Assail U.S. Bases Deal

MANILA, March 5.—The Philippine Lawyers Guild has put itself unanimously on record against the acquisition and maintenance by the U.S. of military bases in the Philippines. The action coincides with discussions now in progress between the Philippine government and American military leaders.

The guild denounced the American demand for bases as harmful to present international peace efforts, adding that the presence of American troops in the islands "assumes sinister significance when taken in relation with attempts at American domination of Philippine economy through the passage of the Bell act." This measure would continue the domination U.S. businessmen secured when the islands were an American possession.

The guild resolution suggested that the acquisition by any power of bases outside its territorial boundaries should be referred to the United Nations so that an international policy can be formulated.

New Jersey Citizens League Votes Affiliation to PCA

Special to the Daily Worker

NEWARK, N. J., March 5.—The New Jersey Independent Citizens League voted Sunday to affiliate to the Progressive Citizens of America. The affiliation was the unanimous decision of 184 delegates from 20 chapters meeting in convention here.

The parley was marked by a strong feeling for unifying all progressives and by a decisive rejection of red baiting as a divisive weapon of reaction.

The convention unanimously passed a resolution which stated clearly that the Independent Citizens League was a non-Communist organization but emphatically rejected use of the "communist issue" as the "Trojan horse of reaction."

After a plea by Joel Gross, Newark lawyer and civic leader, for progressives not to become signatories to an "anti-Comintern" pact, the convention voted 130 to 4 to defeat an anti-Communist resolution submitted by Dr. John Bauer. **BACK LILIENTHAL**

Bernard Conal stressed the need to build organization on a ward and district basis. Miss Alice Dritz, a national coordinator of Young PCA, urged the League to undertake organization of young people also on a ward and district level.

The convention passed resolutions demanding confirmation of David Lillenthal, the defeat of legislation against labor and against cooperatives, for increased federal and state aid for education, adequate pay for teachers, a free state university, a fair education practices bill, the establishment of child care centers, continuation of federal rent control, subsidies for low-cost public housing, income taxes based on ability to pay, the end of the con-

Nailing Down an Anti-Labor Lie

One of the chief employer witnesses before the House Labor Committee was accused this week of having given testimony which was "not only false and malicious" but "outright perjury."

The accusation was made in a letter to the House Labor Committee from CIO United Electrical Workers Local 735 of Cleveland. The letter rapped the testimony of Ray Livingstone, vice-president of Thompson Products Inc., who told the House body last week that "there is not one plant in Cleveland with a CIO contract that has not had at least one strike."

The local cited its own history which, it said, was "typical of the community."

The union negotiated contracts with 37 firms over a period as long as seven years without a single strike. Post-war strikes covered less than 600 workers out of 6,000 members or less than 10 percent.

"This mis-handling of the truth with malice aforethought by Mr. Livingstone is well-known in Cleveland by labor, industry and the general public," the union wrote.

The local has contracts with 48 Cleveland firms and it pointed out that from April, 1940, when Local 735 was chartered, to Feb. 27, 1947, there had been only 11 strikes against as many small firms. Nine of these strikes were in the course of negotiating first agreements. Subsequent agreements were reached without strikes.

CONTRADICTIONS NOTED

It pointed out that Livingstone was a member of a sub-committee of a municipal committee which had made a study of labor relations and "was of the opinion that there was less industrial strife in Cleveland than any comparable city in the country."

This fact had been noted in the Congressional Record of July 3, 1945, which carried statements from Cleveland industrialists praising CIO and AFL leaders for their constructive role in the community.

"This record of peaceful labor relations," the letter stated, was due

to the lack of interference or restriction by government in collective bargaining and to the fact that this union had the right to strike without restriction in each of these cases."

POST WAR RELATIONS

The union contrasted the stable post-war relations to the "difficulties" it faced during the war "when disputes were settled by the War Labor Board and we had voluntarily given up our right to strike." Government records show how many companies took advantage of the no strike pledge and "how real collective bargaining broke down during this period."

After the war Cleveland set up a Post-War Planning Council which had a committee on Labor relations, composed of Labor and management representatives with Leonard

Mayo, dean of Western Reserve Law School, as chairman. Livingstone served on a subcommittee of this group which issued a statement praising labor's record.

ANTI-LABOR FIRM

Livingstone's company, however, has had a long record of fighting unionism in Cleveland. President of Thompson Products is Frederick C. Crawford, former president of the National Association of Manufacturers.

The letter said Livingstone had "deliberately made false statements" to the House body in order to create an atmosphere which would result in legislation "designed to weaken and smash the American labor movement, a crusade to which Mr. Livingstone has devoted himself in the community for some time."

London Trade Council Protests Death Sentence of 2 Negro Boys

LONDON.—The London Trade Council, representing six hundred thousand British unionists, has launched a protest campaign to reverse the death sentence against two Mississippi Negro boys, James Lewis, 15 and Charles Trudell, 16.

The British union members sent a protest to the American embassy in London and appealed to members of Parliament, the Trades Union Congress and the World Federation of Trade Unions to help save the boys' lives.

The British Nail League of Young Liberals, supporting the labor protest, passed a resolution "viewing with horror" the death sentence.

Lewis and Trudell were condemned to death by an all-white Mississippi jury on the charge of murdering a white sawmill operator. The boys pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The two boys were scheduled to be executed last April by a stay of sentence was granted until December 13. Governor Fielding Wright again gave another stay on Dec. 11, until Jan. 17. In the meantime nationwide protests were pouring into his office.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People provided them counsel, and the Mississippi Supreme Court was petitioned for a stay of execution again. This was for the purpose of appealing their cases to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Four days before their scheduled

deaths the state high court ruled that there were reasonable grounds for an appeal to the nation's first court and the stays of execution were automatic.

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DEADLINE: Noon daily. For Sunday, Wednesday 4 p.m.; for Monday, Saturday 12 Noon.

Tomorrow Manhattan

MOSES MILLER, editor of Jewish Life, will speak for Lodge 190, IWO, Friday, March 7th, 8:30 p.m., at 1592 Westchester Ave., Bronx. National Minorities in the USA. Also current events.

PROSPECTS FOR AGREEMENT at the Moscow Conference. Alan Max, managing editor, Daily Worker, discusses possibilities for Big 3 unity. Jefferson School, 575 6th Ave. (16th St.), 8:45 p.m., 50 cents.

Coming

BUNNY & DAVID children's show party. A real party in a theatre complete

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FOLLOWERS OF THE TRAIL annual reunion. Hotel Newton, 2523 Broadway (94th St.), Saturday, March 8, 8:30 p.m. Buffet Supper, Entertainment, Dancing. Subs \$1.50.

HEAR THE TRUTH about the "Eisler Case." Defend your American liberties, hear what happened to this man. Mrs. Gerhart Eisler, Rep. Vito Marcantonio, Albert E. Kahn, other prominent speakers. Manhattan Center, Thursday, March 20, 8 p.m. Auspices Civil Rights Congress of New York. Tickets at CRCNY, 112 E. 19th St. and from bookshops. Admission 35c including tax.

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Featured Programs

MORNING

11:00-WOR-News-Prescott Robinson
 WOR-Fred Waring Show
 WJZ-Breakfast With Breneman
 WQXR-Arthur Godfrey
 WQXR-News; Alma Dettinger
 11:15-WOR-Tello-Test-Quiz
 11:30-WNBC-Jack Berch Show
 WOR-Success School
 WJZ-Hollywood Story-Sketch
 WQXR-Grand Slam, Music Quiz
 WQXR-Sirringtime

11:45-WNBC-Lora Lawton-Sketch
 WJZ-William Lang Show
 WOR-Talk-Victor H. Lindlahr
 WQXR-Rosemary-Sketch
 12:00-WNBC-Rad Hall, New
 WOR-Home Edition-News
 WJZ-Kenny Baker Show
 WQXR-News; Kate Smith's Chat
 WQXR-News; Luncheon Concert
 12:15-WNBC-Metropolitan News
 WOR-Checkerboard Jamboree
 WQXR-Aunt Jenny's Stories
 12:30-WNBC-Magdi McNeill
 WOR-News; So This Is Love
 WJZ-News; Talk-Nancy Craig
 WQXR-Helen Trent

12:45-WNBC-Post Parade; Show Tunes
 WQXR-Our Gal Sunday
 1:00-WNBC-Mary Margaret McBride
 WOR-Better Half Matinee
 WJZ-H. R. Baukhage, News
 WQXR-Big Sister-Sketch
 WQXR-News; Midday Symphony
 1:15-WJZ-Powers Charm School
 WQXR-Ma Perkins

1:30-WOR-Listen Here, Ladies
 WJZ-Yalen Drake
 WQXR-Galen Dr. Malone
 1:45-WNBC-Robert McCormick, News
 WOR-The Answer Man
 2:00-WNBC-Today's Children-Sketch
 WOR-Daily Dilemmas
 WJZ-Kiernan's Corner
 WQXR-Second Mrs. Burton
 WQXR-News; Program Favorites

2:15-WNBC-Women in White-Sketch
 WJZ-The Woman's Exchange
 WQXR-Perry Mason-Sketch
 2:30-WNBC-Masquerade-Sketch
 WOR-Queen for a Day
 WJZ-Bride and Groom
 2:45-WNBC-Light of the World-Sketch
 WQXR-Curtain at 2:30
 WQXR-Lone Journey-Sketch
 WQXR-Rose of My Dream
 WQXR-Music Memory Game

3:00-WNBC-Life Can Be Beautiful
 WOR-Martha Deane Program
 WJZ-Ladies, Be Seated
 WQXR-Bouquet For You
 WQXR-News; Recent Releases
 3:15-WNBC-Ma Perkins-Sketch
 3:30-WNBC-Pepper Young
 WOR-Rambling with Gambling
 WJZ-Pat Barnes-Talk
 WQXR-Winner Take All
 WQXR-String Orchestra

3:45-WNBC-Right to Happiness
 WJZ-Studio Tour
 4:00-WNBC-Backstage Wife
 WOR-Ask Dr. Eddy
 WJZ-Tommy Bartlett Show
 WQXR-House Party
 WQXR-News; Symphony Matinee
 4:15-WNBC-Stella Dallas
 4:30-WNBC-News Reports
 4:30-WNBC-Lorenzo Jones

WOR-Uncle Don
 WJZ-Chiff Edwards, Songs
 WQXR-Joe Kerns Orchestra
 4:45-WNBC-Young Widder Brown
 WOR-Buck Rogers-Sketch
 WJZ-Dick Tracy-Sketch
 5:00-WNBC-When a Girl Marries
 WOR-Hop Harrigan-Sketch
 WJZ-Terry and the Pirates
 WQXR-School of the Air
 WQXR-News; Today in Music

5:15-WNBC-Portia Faces Life
 WOR-Superman-Sketch
 WJZ-Sky King-Sketch
 WQXR-Latin-American Rhythm
 5:30-WNBC-Just Plain Bill
 WOR-Captain Midnight
 WJZ-Jack Armstrong
 WQXR-Treasure Bandstand
 WQXR-Cocktail Time

5:45-WNBC-Front Page Farrell
 WOR-Adventure of Tom Mix
 WJZ-Tennessee Jed

EVENING

6:00-WNBC-News; Music
 WOR-George C. Putnam, News
 WJZ-News; Sports-Joe Hassel
 WQXR-News; Music to Remember
 WQXR-Eric Sevareid-News
 6:15-WNBC-Serenade to America
 WOR-Bob Elson, Interviews
 WJZ-Ethel and Albert
 WQXR-In My Opinion

6:30-WOR-News-Fred Vaudeventer
 WJZ-Allen Prescott
 WQXR-Sports-Red Barber
 WQXR-Dinner Concert
 6:40-WNBC-Sports-Bill Stern
 6:45-WNBC-Lowell Thomas
 WOR-Sports-Sloan Lomax
 WJZ-Ed and Regan Fitzgerald
 WQXR-Robert Trout, News

7:00-WNBC-Supper Club Vairety
 WOR-Fulton Lewis Jr., Comments
 WJZ-Headline Edition
 WQXR-Mystery of the Week
 WQXR-News; Celebrity Hall
 7:15-WNBC-News of the World
 WOR-The Answer Man
 WJZ-Elmer Davis-News
 WQXR-Jack Smith Show

7:30-WNBC-Grand Marquee-Play
 WMCA-J. Raymond Walsh
 WOR-Arthur Hale
 WJZ-Professor Quiz
 WQXR-Mr. Keen-Play
 WQXR-Record Rarities
 7:45-WOR-Sports-Bill Brandt

8:00-WOR-Sound Off
 WNBC-The Aldrich Family
 WJZ-Lum n' Abner
 WQXR-Suspense Play; Elwood, with
 Eddie Bracken
 WQXR-News; Symphony Hall

8:15-WJZ-News

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8:30-WOR-Count of Monte Cristo
 WNBC-Burns and Allen, Comedy
 WJZ-Town Meeting
 WQXR-FBI in Peace and War

8:45-WQXR-Bill Henry News
 9:00-WNBC-Music Hall
 WOR-Gabriel Heatter
 WQXR-News; Concert Hall
 9:15-WOR-Real Stories
 9:30-WOR-Treasure Hour of Song
 WNBC-Jack Haley Show
 WJZ-Echoes of New York
 WQXR-Crime Photographer

WQXR-Author Meets the Critic
 10:00-WNBC-Abbott and Costello, Comedy
 WOR-Crime Club
 WJZ-World Security Workshop
 WQXR-Radio Readers Digest
 WQXR-News; Recorded Album

10:30-WJZ-Bob Elson, Interviews
 WNBC-Eddie Cantor Show
 WQXR-The Symphonette
 WQXR-Pinnegan Again-Comedy
 With Frank McHugh
 WQXR-Just Music
 10:45-Earl Godwin, News

11:00-WNBC-News; Music
 WOR-News; Dance Music
 WQXR-News; Symphonetic Hour
 11:30-WNBC-Story of Music
 WQXR-Julliard School Concert
 WOR-Family Theatre
 12:00-WNBC, WJZ-News; Music
 WQXR, WQXR-News; Music

Station WNYC

9:00-Masterwork Hour
 9:55-New Summary
 10:00-Surgery for Gall Bladder Dis-
 eases, Dr. Louis Carp of the
 Medical Society, County of N. Y.
 10:15-Let's Look at the News-
 Students of City Schools
 10:30-Spirit of the Vikings with
 Gladys Petch
 10:45-Health and Nutrition News with
 Margaret Connor
 10:55-News Summary
 11:00-At Your Command
 11:30-BBC Radio Newsreel
 11:45-Musical Comedy Memories
 11:55-News Summary

12:00-Midday Symphony
 12:55-News Summary
 1:00-Missing Persons Alarms
 1:05-City News Summary
 1:15-Matinee in Rhythm, Jack Lazare
 1:55-News Summary
 2:00-Official Weather Report
 2:05-Galileo Gallilei-Dramatized on
 "Pioneers of Science"
 2:30-Gilbert and Sullivan "The
 Mikado"
 3:55-News Summary
 4:00-Four Strings at Four, Quartet
 Opus 135 by Beethoven

4:30-New York University Inter-
 collegiate Debate, NYU vs
 Brooklyn College
 4:55-News Summary
 5:00-Music for Young People, Music
 School Settlement
 5:30-Songs at Eventide, Johnny
 Andrews, Baritone
 5:45-Safety Program
 5:55-News Summary
 6:00-Polkingsler, Margaret Dodd
 Mastersingers

6:15-South American Way
 6:45-Official U.S. Weather Report
 USES Help Want Ad Column
 of the Air
 6:55-News Summary
 7:00-Masterwork Hour
 7:55-News Summary
 8:00-Dept of Welfare Choristers
 8:30-The Universe Around Us,
 Museum of Natural History
 8:45-Music Time
 8:55-News Summary
 9:00-Mayor William O'Dwyer and

Sir John Ryle of Oxford Speak
 on "The New Era in Medicine,"
 Centenary Celebration of the
 Academy of Medicine from the
 Grand Ballroom, Waldorf-Astoria
 9:55-News Summary

WNYC-FM

4:30-Grandmother's Club
 4:45-Treasury Salute (TX)
 4:45-Sports Review
 9:00-An Evening with Brahms
 10:55-Final News Summary and Signoff

MONEY CHANGERS SEEK TO EVICT NEGRO CHURCH

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 5.—The Church of Christ faces eviction by the Guarantee Title & Trust Co. of Columbus, backed by two lower courts.

The church, a Negro congregation, was told by the bank to get out because an old clause in the title forbids sale to, or occupancy by, non-whites. It appealed to the courts, which admitted that it is unlawful to bar sale of property to Negroes—

but went on to rule that it's okay to bar occupancy by Negroes!

The courts reached that conclusion by calling the occupancy barrier a private matter.

The American Civil Liberties Union, in a brief supporting the appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court, argues that restrictive covenants may seem to be private, but when they are enforced by the courts "the problem becomes a public one."

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Good Enough to Play Against But Not Good Enough to Hire?

By Bill Mardo

Baseball Jimcrow, the stupidity of it all, is being shown up for everything it's worth these exhibition-game days in Puerto Rico.

Negro stars who've been down there for the winter season have gone against the fabulous Yankees in recent exhibitions and walked off with all the news . . . and the honors.

And a good share of the ball-games.

Last week it was Dan Bankhead of Caguas who all but handcuffed the New Yorkers while he was on the mound. Baseball scribes

relayed raves for the Negro right-hander "with blazing speed and a tantalizing screwball."

A few days later the Yanks played the Vargas team and lost 4-3. How come? Oh a Negro pitcher named Hilton Smith bamboozled the Bronxites with one puny hit in five innings of work. His teammate Ray Dandridge did the heavy clubbing which spelled finis for the Yanks that particular afternoon.

Dan Bankhead, Hilton Smith and Ray Dandridge—just three of the many Negro baseball players

who've been Jimcrowed out of a big league chance. Three of the many Negro players whom the major league magnates find good enough to play against in money-making exhibition jaunts below the border. But not good enough to hire for their own teams, eh?

How much longer do the baseball fans of America have to wait before the elementaries of democracy are applied to our great pastime? From the way the 15 other magnates have neatly ignored the beginnings made by Branch Rickey of the Dodgers, it would appear the fans will wait

just as long as they themselves allow the clubowners to get away with that sort of stuff.

Here in New York the progressives have an invaluable weapon in the Ives-Quinn anti-discrimination law. Why not wield it against double - talking Larry MacPhail of the Yankees and do-nothing Horace Stoneham of the Giants?

It's not enough to sit back and wait on Jackie Robinson's try-outs with Brooklyn later this month. It's not enough to let this vital campaign rest on the shoulders of one athlete trying

for a berth with one club.

Let MacPhail and Stoneham hear how you feel about it, New York fans!

And how about you folks in Pittsburgh, Boston and Detroit? You like your baseball fair and square with everyone getting an equal shake. Hit hard at the reactionary magnates in your cities.

Let's make the 1947 baseball season something to really shout about. Letters, telegrams, delegations can do it. Only let's do it now . . . before that man in blue calls Play Ball!

On the Scoreboard

By Lester Rodney

NOTHING HAS HAPPENED yet to make it appear that there's dirty work afoot in Havana as far as Jackie Robinson's tryouts is concerned.

Jackie is with the Montreal team, not the Dodgers, but this was explained by Brooklyn proxy Branch Rickey. The Montreal-Dodger games starting March 25 and carrying right up through Ebbets Field and season's eve on April 15 will presumably constitute Robby's tryout. Last year Montreal players Carl Furillo and Dick Whitman were lifted to the big team during spring training. The precedent is there, the promise by Rickey is there, and the ball player is certainly there—ready, willing and extremely able.

But certain things being said, and certain things being written make it clear enough that those who fought the introduction of Negro players into organized baseball have no intention of giving up their dirty fight. And certainly the Negro people and all progressive Americans have good reason to keep their eyes wide open. Discrimination isn't healed by the edict of a well-meaning Branch Rickey. It has to be fought right down the line without any letup. A Rickey has to be reminded that the overwhelming majority of people who make up the American sports fan are right behind him.

HERE'S AN EXAMPLE of the kind of thing being written these days. World-Telegram columnist Dan Daniel, down the training camp area, yesterday proclaimed in his headline, "Jackie Robinson Out of Picture for the Present."

He writes: "... from the way things shape up to me, Robinson isn't likely to figure in the early months of the National League race, if at all. The fates and Archy Vaughan are working against him."

What "the fates" are isn't made clear. Vaughan is the 35-year-old infielder who was pretty well washed up as a star in 1943, when he quit the game. With the best of luck to Arky, it's at least a little surprising to find an old-time baseball observer like Daniel rating him and his dubious comeback over the 46's best minor league infielder.

Daniel goes on to say, "That Robinson was catapulted into no racial rhuarbs in the International League, even with its stop in Baltimore, does not necessarily argue that he would not be thrown into such things as the National circuit. I believe that Robinson would run into trouble."

And . . . "Jackie would not be treated with uniform cordiality and unalloyed enthusiasm by all Southern ballplayers of the National League."

There's more of this stuff, including vague rumors about some Brooklyn players "having reservations" about playing with Robinson.

Having predicted "trouble" if Robinson comes up, Daniel hastens to say a good word for him as a great guy, etc.

What's it all about and what's behind such a column?

It's a carefully fabricated dope story without any facts, written by an influential writer and designed to create an atmosphere unfavorable to the ending of Jim Crow in the big leagues.

Trouble for Whom?

Daniel is looking for trouble for Jackie when he says he believes "Robinson would run into trouble." He knows well that there are as many or more Southern ball players in the International League as the National, and that far from being any trouble, Jackie was one of the most popular men in the circuit. His manager and big booster, Clay Hopper, hailed from Mississippi, his roommate and buddy on the ball club was a southerner.

Daniel also knows very well that any Southern—or northern—ball player with Bilbo ideas of democracy would go right on playing ball either with or against Robinson. There has been one change of tune by a prominent Dodger star from the South already. Twenty-five grand ain't hay, and might not be found in some other occupation.

Daniel's predictions are phony, nor are they exactly new.

Back in 1936 a commentator named John B. Kennedy wrote an article in Readers Digest entitled "Why Joe Louis Must Never Be

Champion." It expressed personal sympathy for Joe, but predicted dire things ahead if he were allowed to fight for the championship. "Trouble."

Joe did pretty well in spite of the Readers Digest. His reign may mean trouble for someone, but certainly not for the American sports fan or for democracy.

The 'Daily' Roundup:

Clint Clouts a la Notices; Tatum, Snider, Jersey Joe

CLINT HARTUNG, the great, did get off to a great start the other day in the first Giant intra-squad game at the Phoenix training site. Just like those Hollywood sound-

ing notices about him, Clint stepped to the plate his first time up, picked the very pitch and drove it on a line over the 370-foot fence. On his next trip, Hartung hammered a blast to center and the rookie was held down to a single only because the speedy Lloyd Gerheart was on the receiving end of that whack. So there's little questioning Clint Hartung's power, overstride and all. Afield, the boy still leaves much to be desired, but time and advice from one of the greatest gardeners ever, Master Mel Ott, should take care of that.

TOM TATUM seems to have clinched his job with the Dodgers, according to stories from Havana. Tatum hit .320 for Montreal last year, stole 28 bases, and can handle

just about any position. And that's just the job he's going to have with the Flock—all-around utility man.

DUKE SNIDER is another Dodger rookie who seems to have an inside track for an outfield utility berth with Brooklyn. Ex of the Newport News and Fort Worth farm-club, the 20-year old Snider is a strongie at the plate . . . Durocher says he has a real chance to stick.

JERSEY JOE WALCOTT is back in the running again for a title shot at Joe Louis. What with his decisive Florida win over Elmer Ray, who beat Jersey Joe here at the Garden some months back, the oldtimer from Camden is once more a high-ranking heavy. Walcott

bounced Ray to the canvas for a few no-counts early in the fight, and then held off a late bid by hard-hitting Elmer.

THOSE LONDON fights have nothing on Mike Jacobs. Ringside for the forthcoming Woodcock-Bakshi bout will be \$84! . . . and the average club fight over there peddles a 20-buck ringside pew. Phew!

MARCEL CERDAN checked in from France yesterday. In tiptop shape with two recent kayoes under his belt, the hustling Moroccan will meet a ranking middleweight at the Garden March 28 . . . Maybe Harold Green or Artie Levine if the latter gets by rugged Kerbie Krohowitz tomorrow at the Garden. After his fight on the 28th, Marcel will bide his time for an outdoor title shot with champ Tony Zale.—Mardo

ARRIVAL of Arab leader Fauzi El Kaukji in Tripoli, Syria, from Cairo set off a clash between political factions killing 14 persons and injuring 48, according to press dispatches.

LIU Picks Cuba Over Tourney; CCNY Can Clinch It Tonight

With LIU dramatically out of the tourney picture, CCNY can put itself definitely in beating Lafayette on the Garden floor.

The other game of the next-to-last regular twin bill pits LIU against Muhlenberg. The

Brooklyn Blackbirds, with a record of 17 and 4, yesterday announced a Cuban trip on the 24th, 25th and 27th of the month that eliminates them from tourney consideration.

Tourney conscious CCNY will go all out in the opener to show well against Lafayette. But the Easton team will be no pushover. With an all veteran combine, they have won 14 and lost 6 and include among their victims Columbia, Ivy League leaders, and strong Rutgers.

City put on its greatest basketball display of the year Saturday in routing Fordham and Holman will start the same five who blended height and speed in an inspired performance—Trubowitz, Malamed, Benson, Galiber and Shapiro.

After tonight's game City has only the NYU game next Tuesday. Did we say "only"?

Muhlenberg, with a 17-5 record and tourney hopes of its own, will attempt to repeat an early season win over LIU. The Mules have three first stringers back from last season and have been in the last three tourneys. More than 2,000 Muhlenberg and Lafayette students are coming up from the Lehigh Valley to cheer their teams on.

TOURNEY PICTURE

With LIU out of the tourney picture the dope now favors CCNY and St. Johns to join the Invitation lineup along with Kentucky, West Virginia and Duquesne, already in the eight team lineup. Duquesne,

incidentally, dropped its only game of the season, a return with Georgetown, after accepting the invitation Tuesday. The Pittsburghers were invited to the NCAA tourney also, but preferred the Garden event.

St. Johns earned its right despite six early losses by adding NYU to its list of victims in Tuesday night's 57-56 thriller in which Sid Tannenbaum re-affirmed his All American greatness with a gorgeous

LABOR SPORTS:

Chess Tourney Opens Tonite; 2 Hoop Games

CHESS AND CHECKERS tourney, sponsored by Labor Sports Federation, gets going tonight at the Furriers Hall. Some 25 unions are represented in this, the first of an annual board session, and this evening's opener will feature individual plus team matches. First move starts at 6:30, admission is free, and out of all this may come a Workers Chess Club, if present plans by the LSF go through.

ON THE labor basketball front, there are two games tonight. AYD meets the Postoffice quint at Brooklyn Tech., while Emerson UE tangles with the Shoeworkers at Seward.

21 point exhibition but superior team play (and tactics) won for the Redmen. As usual Harry Boykoff was top gun in scoring followed by the underrated Lennie Doctor. Dick McGuire was smart and competent as always in following coach Lapchick's bench directions.

The NCAA picture shows Holy Cross, Navy, Texas and Wyoming already in. The latter won the Big 7 and was invited yesterday. The question of its welcome to the Garden remains open if it wins its opening round out West. Coach Shelton is under an unofficial ban by local coaches for his anti-Semitic outburst against CCNY.

Still to be added are the Big 9 winner, probably Wisconsin, and the winner of the UCLA-Oregon State Pacific Coast series.

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BOOKS — FILMS — THE ARTS



Czar Ivan (Nikolai Cherkassov) defies the Boyars and announces his intention to unify Russia in a stirring scene from Sergei Eisenstein's 'Ivan the Terrible,' new Soviet film opening at the Stanley Theatre on Saturday.

Film Front

A-Bomb Film Under Fire

By David Platt

Two scientists who worked on the atombomb project, Drs. H. H. Goldsmith and B. T. Feld, charge that Metro's atombomb picture *The Beginning or the End* "muffed a remarkable opportunity to do the important job of enlightening the American public on the dreadful potentialities of the bomb." The picture "glamorized rather than dramatized," they recently told *Variety Magazine*.

"Primarily missing," stated Dr. Goldsmith "is a realistic treatment of the actual effects of the bomb. I don't know whether one should expect Metro or any other private producer to show the individual horror that resulted from the dropping of the bombs—scenes which are available in official Government films—but that would have been one of the greatest services to humanity that the picture could have offered. Since the United States never suffered even the damage of an ordinary bomb, people here can hardly be expected to realize the dreadful effects of atomic fission."

Another criticism made by Dr. Goldsmith was that the film "makes scientists pretty queer fellows." Dr. Feld objected to the "haphazard" way in which the experiments were conducted in the picture. Both were annoyed by the glamorous equipment, the hustle-bustle in the laboratories, the flashing lights, all of which were thought up at Metro. They said: "It's high time that Hollywood got away from the stock version of scientists."

Dr. Goldsmith was Coordinator of Information of Physics on the Chicago bomb project. Today he edits the official Bulletin of Atomic Scientists and directs the information of the Government's Brookhaven National Laboratory. Dr. Feld worked on the atombomb project in Chicago, Oak Ridge, Tenn. and Los Alamos, N. M. He is Asst. Professor of Physics at the Mass. Institute of Technology.

POLL EXPERT

Dr. George Gallup, the poll expert recently told a meeting of the Screen Writers Guild that the average weekly movie attendance in the United States based on accurate surveys by his organization is now 56 million. This figure is considerably less than the 84 millions weekly average claimed by the Eric Johnston Producers' Association. The biggest single age group said Dr. Gallup is 19. After 35, "few people attend movies regularly."

Clothing manufacturers are beginning to use films in a big way to spur sales, says the current issue of *Business Screen*. 20th Century-Frocks, Inc. (no relation to Fox Inc.) has completed *Miss Hollywood Jr.*, a fashion travelogue of Hollywood.

Cole of California, makers of



AUDREY TOTTER
(Featured in Film)

bathtubsuits, will shortly release *Westward to the Sea*, a preview of the 1947 line of swimming suits. Not far behind is *The Hollyhock* Hosiery Company with *The Secret*, a personnel training short. Sam Friedlander, Inc. of New York has *Fantasy in Fashions* with a Latin American background coming up. Kenwood Mills, maker of Kenwood Blankets, is producing *Here Comes The Bride* in sound and color. Tom McAn Shoe Stores has one titled *The Danger Line*, on fitting the small foot. The Phillips Jones Corp., manufacturers of Van Heusen shirts, ties and socks have made a slidefilm in color titled *Meet the Men Who Make Van Heusen*. Some of these films have casts recruited from Broadway and Hollywood shows. Kenwood Blankets *Here Comes the Bride*, for example stars Joyce Franklin, who had the lead in the USO Production of *Dear Ruth*. It features Carol Goodner, recently in the New York production of *Blythe Spirit*, Brandon Peters, well known Broadway actor, and Herbert Hayes, now in *State of the Union*.

The situation on the 16mm labor film front is quiet.

Dreiser Players At Forbes Forum

The Theodore Dreiser Workshop will present another hard-hitting skit, *Skyhigh*, in their current series at the Henry Forbes Forum this Sunday evening, 8:15 p.m., at 201 Second Ave., Manhattan. Louise Mitchell, Daily Worker staff writer and author of a number of popular pamphlets on the housing situation, will speak on "Hold That Rent Ceiling."

WNYC's Anti-Bias Show Is Worthy Experiment

By Dial-Ethics

Sunday at 1 O'clock, Station WNYC, New York's own station presents a weekly stint titled, *One More River*. The show is dedicated to the fight against bigotry and racial hatred with *One More River* allegorically indicating the channels to be crossed before unity and understanding is attained. The format of the show I caught was a mixture of variety offering highlighted by a dramatic five minute playlet.

The playlet which I'll begin with dealt with the bizarre report of *The Man In the Moon* who came to earth via a special arrangement of moonbeams. Our man in the moon choose to appear in dark skin, being a little weary of his usual brilliant and self-dazzling appearance. As chances would have it he landed in a Southern train where he was Jimcrowned into a back seat.

BRUTALLY UNFAIR

His other reports dealt with factual material relative to the underprivileged minority groups. A scientific report on living standards brutally unfair to Negro children, and North Carolina's legal ruling that Negro teachers will be paid at the same salary rate that white teachers receive. The rest of the show before and after was musical, with chorus and soloists as well as a five-piece live orchestra supplying downbeat. A young lady from Broadway made a brief speech encouraging racial understanding and unity concluding with a high soprano rendition of the Lord's Prayer.

Now for the show as a whole. *One More River* is a splendid idea. The fact that in wading across the rivers it gets its feet rather damp is unfortunate. Knowing the limited facilities of the station as far as production is concerned it would be unfair to put responsibility on the director or producer. The fact remains that *One More River* has an experimental air about it that seems a little high schoolish. I feel one should be a little more original in the approach to the subject of unity and anti-bigotry. With this in mind I look to the *Man in the Moon*. I find it unnecessary to do an interplanetary tour to arrive at the conclusion that Jimcrows trains exist. Nor do I think that pointing out such cases is new to the idea of bigotry. Personally I feel that it would be more dramatic to deal with the case of the average Negro worker or artist and more graphically indicate the bigotry that surrounds him by a report on the 24-hour-a-day pseudo-lynching he's submitted to. And as long as WNYC is a local station reaching a metropolitan audience it would be no more than appropriate that it cast its reportage eye on the examples well set forward in our own community. The *Man in the Moon* approach gives Jimcrow happenings a rather remote comment on something that is much closer to our every-day existence.

STIMULATING SHOW

If the variety show is to be a pointed weapon in the attack on bigotry I felt that a little more should be made of the universality of the music being offered... and the fact that radio listeners can rarely discriminate against unseen actors, actresses, singers or chorus. The fact that people are visual discriminators can be built up in what might be an exciting portrait of discrimination. I criticize sharply, because frankly I admire as deeply.

One More River can be more than a needed show. It can be a provocative and stimulating artistic half hour that speaks unity without resource to the time worn cliché or the too often used editorial example. I suggest you all tune in to this WNYC half hour and write in your appreciation of a show with enough guts and understanding of the world to speak regardless of its occasional speech defects. By the way there's a contest on to appropriately name the excellent chorus. I suggest Minorities in A Major!

Blanche Evan Dance Recital

Blanche Evan will return to the concert field, after an absence of several seasons, to appear in a solo recital on Sunday evening, March 16, at the Studio Theater, 108 W. 16 St.

Benefit Performance For Don West Sets New Date

Notice of postponement of a benefit performance to raise funds for the defense of Don West, Georgia poet, was released yesterday by People's Culture Union.

The benefit performance, originally scheduled for March 8 at the Barbizon-Plaza, will be held Friday evening, March 21, at Solidarity Theatre, 124 W. 124 St., NYC.

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Communist Challenges Un-American Committee

The worm has turned. A witness called by the witch-hunting House Un-American Activities Committee in connection with the now famous "Eisler Case," yesterday flatly denied the committee's legality. He promised to conduct a last-ditch court fight on this issue.

Facing a subcommittee in the Federal Court Building at Foley Square here, Leon Josephson, a Newark attorney, proudly announced that he was a Communist. He declared he would answer no questions because: 1. The committee's form and methods violate the constitutional rights of its witnesses. 2. One of its members, Rep. John Rankin of Mississippi "is not lawfully" a Congressman. "He violated the Constitution and statutes of the U. S." by conducting an anti-Semitic and lynch-inciting election campaign to win his present seat.

Josephson not only challenged the legal basis of the committee and the constitutionality of its methods, but attacked it on moral grounds. The committee, he said, appeared to be carrying out "a well-planned program to create a national psychological basis for a domestic brand of Fascism."

With that "apparent aim," he said, the committee ignored the activities of Fascists and concentrated on persecuting people with proven records of fighting Fascism. He affirmed his membership in the Communist Party and recited his record as an international soldier of anti-Fascism. This included dangerous work in the German underground against Hitler which netted him four months in a Danish dungeon at one time.

Josephson and Samuel Liptzen, a writer and employee of the local Jewish-language Morning paper, the Freiheit, were subpoenaed by the full committee early in February. Testimony in the Eisler hearings indicated an intent to implicate them in passport violations. Their appearance was postponed until yesterday when they faced the 3 man subcommittee here.

The full committee is now ex-

pected to call Josephson to Washington, where he declared he would repeat his challenge in the face of possible contempt proceedings. Liptzen, a Communist since 1920, is due to face the full committee today. Questions on an English language translation of some of his stories—"In Spite of Tears," published last December—are expected in view of "dope stories" appearing in the Journal and World-Telegram here.

Rep. Nixon (R-Cal) was chairman of the subcommittee and his two colleagues were Reps. Vall (R-Ill.) and Bonner (D-NC). They permitted Samuel Neuberger of 61 Broadway, attorney for Josephson, to be present but would not permit him to take part in the legal argument Josephson offered.

To every attempt of the committeemen at questioning him, Josephson replied, "No, because . . ." The Congressmen, clearly preparing "a record" for later contempt action, repeatedly demanded:

"So you refuse to be sworn? So you refuse to testify?"

Josephson as stubbornly replied that he must insist on coupling any refusal with a statement of his reasons for so acting. He offered the committee two statements, one in legal terminology, the other in non-technical language. Both were refused by the Congressmen.

The second document appears on page one of this issue. The technical statement said Josephson had been advised by counsel that the subpoena served on him was invalid because the "committee is unlawfully constituted." Committee member Rankin, formerly the guiding spirit of the body, was "not lawfully" in Congress at all, the statement said. He was "seated in violation of the 14th Amendment" to the Constitution because "the

great majority of the population" of the Mississippi Congressional district was denied the right to vote.

"He violated the Constitution and statutes of the United States in conducting a campaign for Congress by anti-Semitic denunciation and incitation to lynching and other crimes."

BEYOND LEGAL LIMITS

Aside from the status of Rankin, the committee's validity was challenged on the ground that "un-American" is so vague as to have no meaning. Operating with the meaningless aim of detecting "un-American" activities, the committee had exercised powers "beyond Congressional authority or legal limits."

Reviewing the history of the House un-American committee, the document recalled how the original body, the Dies Committee had operated. It quoted the late Pres. Roosevelt who tersely described its headline-making and hysterics as "this sordid procedure."

When the resolution to establish such a committee was under debate in 1938, Rep. Maury Maverick asked an unanswerable question: "I ask you, what is un-American?" The document related that Rep. Mundt, a member of the successor to the Dies Committee, had obtained no help from answers to a questionnaire he sent out asking many prominent people for their definitions. Yet the committee was authorized with such "indeterminable grant of power" that the result was clearly unconstitutional, Josephson declared. He further said:

RULE IS VAGUE

"The vagueness of the resolution makes it invalid for the following additional reason. In the course of a proper investigation, a refusal by a witness to answer a pertinent question may be subject to a possible citation of contempt. Where it is impossible to determine with any degree of certainty just what is or is not pertinent to the inquiry, because the rule is so vague, the witness places himself in jeopardy unreasonably."

"I maintain that this committee lacks proper legal sanction and authority, that its acts are illegal, void and of no effect, that it has not the authority to interrogate me and that the subpoena is invalid and should be vacated."

To Sentence 17 For Attending Meeting

Special to the Daily Worker

NEW ORLEANS, March 5.—The appeal of 17 persons who attended a Communist Party meeting here will be heard before Judge Platt Friday morning.

Already convicted by a lower court for "disturbing the peace" the 17 face either fines or sentences for attending a meeting Nov. 7, 1946, which was broken up by hoodlums and goons, while police looked on.

The Citizens Defense Committee is requesting telegrams and letters from all over the country to urge Judge Platt to set aside the lower court's verdict and free the 17 of any charges and fines.



by BARNARD RUBIN

WHEN Lucky Luciano was released from prison and was being held for deportation at Ellis Island, newspapermen were not permitted to visit him there.

But where the press failed, Frank Costello—known as the slot machine king and the nation's no. 1 mobster—succeeded.

Not only did he get permission to visit Luciano, but Costello threw a champagne party for him just before he sailed.

The only person, at that time, who could grant permission to visit Luciano, according to some of the newspapermen mentioned above, was—Attorney General Tom Clark! . . .



TOWN TALK

General MacArthur is holding up the Japanese production of Waiting for Lefty in Tokyo. That's teaching the Japanese democracy! . . .

Hollywood will be the scene of the first convention of the International Tip Toppers Club, composed of girls six feet and over. They will assemble there in July and expect delegates from many countries overseas. No Hollywood actress is a member of the club.

Danny Thomas will play a rabbi in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's film Brother of the East Side. . . .

Arthur Treacher happy about getting away from butter roles in his new picture Las Vegas. He will sing a comedy ditty titled Give It Back to the Indians. . . .

Two of Charlie Chaplin's sons, Sidney and Charlie Jr., are playing the Circle Theatre (Calif.) in Ethan Frome. . . .

Now that Al Jolson is so popular again, there is talk about bringing his old film The Jazz Singer back to Broadway. The most enthusiastic rooter for this idea is Lee Lindy. It so happens that practically all of the last reel of the old movie takes place backstage in a Broadway theatre. On the wall of the set is a big sign: Eat At Lindy's. . . .

Composer Frank Fields has arrived in Hollywood to work on John Garfield's next picture. . . .

Robert Siodmarek, director of the Spiral Staircase, is in town looking for a show to produce.

Sea of Grass broke all Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer records in its Radio City opening. . . .

Gregory Peck won a National Fathers Day Committee award for his role in The Yearling. . . .

Fred Washington, beautiful columnist of the progressive Negro weekly Peoples World, is being considered by 20th Century Fox for a role in their version of the Foxes of Harrow. (They paid \$250,000 to author Yerby for it.) . . .

Jerome Robbins is discussing the movie version of Billion Dollar Baby with Sam Goldwyn.

Finian's Rainbow is booked solid through June. . . .

Artkino will show films of the Nuernberg trials here soon. Film makers think it strange that the U.S. Government, which also had them, is keeping the films in the archives. . . .

Helen Tamiris is going to Salt Lake City in July for the State of Utah's Mormon Centennial Commission Celebration. She will stage the dances for them and will bring dancers from all parts of the country. The drama, by Arnold Sundgaard, will tell the thrilling story of the pioneer Mormons' immigration to Salt Lake City one hundred years ago to escape religious persecution. An outdoor theatre is being built for the event which will seat at least ten thousand. . . .

Open City, the Italian anti-fascist classic, has already grossed \$3,000,000. In New York alone, the World Theatre's gross will exceed half a million. Seventy prints are now in circulation; by June there'll be 150. . . .

NEWSPAPER (AND LITERARY) TALK

Talk of Life Magazine cutting down its drama department. . . .

Richard Boyer's book, The Dark Ship, will be out May 6. Little, Brown & Co. publishing. . . .

The Infantry Journal is publishing Ravage Repeats Ravage by Toots Fajans, Lincoln Brigade vet. It's about the OSS and an Italian Partisan mission. . . .

Harold Ross, editor of the New Yorker, is vacationing in California. . . .

This happened at the pre-publication cocktail party for Laura Z. Hobson's new book, Gentlemen's Agreement.

One of the guests, who hadn't read the book, asked the author what the book was about.

"It's about anti-Semitism," was the answer.

"Oh," oh'd the characted, tolerantly, "some of my best friends are Jews."

"I know," said the author, "Some of my best friends are, too—namely my mother and father." . . .

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Bulletin

Senate Votes OPA End June 30

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The Senate voted today to give OPA \$17,000,000 along with orders to close up shop by June 30, despite warnings that this would cripple rent control and sugar rationing.

The decision, which also would put OPA's parent agency, the Office of Temporary Controls, out of business, came after OTC director Philip B. Fleming notified the Senate that it would mean the collapse of rent and sugar operations April 30.

Arrest 300 Greek Democrats

ATHENS, March 4.—Police arrested nearly 300 EAM supporters last night.

A COMMUNIST'S CHALLENGE

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ment is a dangerous business and often involves such risks. Everything I did, I did consciously and with full knowledge of all the dangers involved. I am not ashamed of what I did; on the contrary, I am proud of it.

I cannot be shocked at the thought that my activities may have violated some law or other, and I can claim the best of historical precedents for my actions. Samuel Adams, Patrick Henry, and George Washington, violated laws too, and our independence was won by their efforts.

The abolitionists, in 1850, violated laws by smuggling Negroes out of slavery into the free North, and slavery was destroyed through their efforts.

In more recent times, over 3500 American heroes went to Spain to fight Fascism. If any of them did violate any law, a higher morality motivated them when they defied our State Department to fight Hitler and Mussolini.

Had more people been so motivated, the last war might have been avoided.

The role of this un-American Committee is clear to anyone familiar with the American political scene.

For nearly 10 years, it has smeared the New Deal and every progressive group in the country.

Now, because of a change in political fortunes, it is attempting to assassinate politically, by scare headlines and red-baiting, the remnants of the New Deal.

By creating a hysteria over Communism, it is trying to scare every progressive into acquiescence to reaction, to destroy the progressive trade unions, and to wipe out the broad social gains achieved under

Roosevelt.

I do not believe that this committee is activated by ignorance, but rather by a well-planned program to create a national psychological basis for a domestic brand of Fascism.

I have been advised by counsel that the proceedings of this committee are repugnant to the provisions of our Constitution, and I feel it my duty to challenge its legality in the Courts. I am confident that I will ultimately be sustained.